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20 Die in Italy As Plane Cuts Ski Lift Cable

U.S. Marine Surveillance Jet Was on a Training Mission

TRENTO, Italy — A U.S. Marine plane on a training flight severed a cable-car line on Tuesday, and 20 people plunged to their deaths, U.S. military and Italian rescue officials said.

The accident occurred at a ski resort in the Val di Fassa area of the Dolomite Mountains near Trento. The cable car was traveling from the town of Cavalese to the top of Cermis mountain. the site of a popular local ski resort.

The skiers and the car's operator aboard were killed when it fell 80 to 100 meters, said Robert Cavada, a police officer in Cavalese.

Rescuers put the official death toll at 20. Italian state television RAI reported that all the victims were adults and believed to be mostly Germans. RAI added that two of the victims were Hungarian, and two were

Alpine rescue teams and search helicopters went to the scene. Passengers were evacuated from the line's other gondola, which was on its way down and remained suspended, the police

Television pictures showed the yellow cabin - usually a sturdy, square structure attached to the cable by a giant hook flattened like a cardboard box on the moun-

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Rescue workers Tuesday at the site of the cable car plunge on Cermis mountain in a photo made from a television image. Below, an EA-6B jet of the type that hit the cable.



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By Warren Hoge LONDON — The trip was planned months ago, but it's hard to think of a world leader resident Bill Clinton would be luckier to have as his White House guest this week than Tony for a four-day visit that is expected to put on

The British prime minister arrives Wednesday further display the remarkable camaraderie be-tween the embattled 51-year-old New Democrat and his popular 44-year-old New Labour counterpart. It also brings to the president's side the leader of the only nation to pledge military assistance in Iraq at a moment when a strike on Saddam Hussein appears increasingly immin-

"I freely confess to you that I happen to have a high regard for Bill Clinton," Mr. Blair said Monday in a shirtsleeves interview in his private office. "I am delighted to call Bill Clinton a friend, and I believe what's more important than anything else is that he does a good job as a president, and for that he deserves all our support so it's as simple as that really.'

Blair Offers Moral Support to His U.S. Friend

He said he suspected that the sudden growth of support for the besieged chief executive during the past week came from voters impatience with 'arrogant politicians and arrogant media' who, he said, like to "try to reverse the outcome of elections.

He fully expected to encounter a president focusing on the big picture," he said, and not vantage during the upcoming visit. The notion "sidetracked by all that stuff which may be interesting to some parts of the media.'

He added, "Politics shouldn't be run at the level of a gossip column.'

There have been frequent comparisons made between Mr. Clinton and Mr. Blair because of the commonalities of their youthfulness, their appetites for policy discussions, their moving their parties more to the political center, and their emphasis on government's shaping social policies in an era of global economic pressures d public distaste for taxes and spending.

In the area where the president is most vulnerable, the conduct of his personal life, Mr. Blair is unassailable, and British commentators in recent days have been speculating on how the prime minister might turn this to his comparative ad-

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Ex-Adviser To Clinton Testifies in Federal Probe

By Brian Knowlton International Herald Tribune

WASHINGTON - George Stephanopoulos, a former top adviser to President Bill Clinton, appeared Tuesday before the federal grand jury investigating the pres-

Separately, the White House considered invoking executive privilege to limit testimony by two current aides who have been subpoenaed.

After a day off Monday, the grand jury resumed its inquiry Tuesday into charges that Mr. Clinton had a sexual relationship with a young former intern, Monica Lewinsky, now 24, and then urged her to lie about it under oath.

Mr. Clinton has adamantly denied those allegations, though the White House has stuck in recent days to a new strategy of saying as little as possible about the matter.

Ms. Lewinsky and her attorney, William Ginsburg, flew Tuesday to Los Angeles, where she is expected to spend about a week visiting her

Mr. Ginsburg said on Tuesday that a New York Times report that his client had visited the White House 37 times after leaving her job there in April 1996 sounded plansible. He has refused to confirm

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America and Its Changing Mores

Americans do not look to

their president for moral

leadership.

Support for Clinton Shows He Isn't Expected to Be Paragon

berg. Dirk Johnson and Sam Howe Verhovek and was written by Ms. Goldberg.

New York Times Service BOSTON — Major national events often serve as mirrors in which the country sees itself reflected in surprising new ways.

But the remarkable recent surge of support for President Bill Clinton following two weeks of lurid allegations and furious countercharges has produced an espe-'It is sad but true that cially startling and contradictory

reflection -- one that has baffled many analysts and prompted ordinary voters to pause and ponder their own feelings.
Polls show that the American

public both generally believes its president committed adultery in the White House and approves of his job performance more strongly than ever before.

Asked to explain such seemingly incompatible views, a priest in Chicago, a school board president in rural Wisconsin, a social worker in Houston, a comedy writer in New York, a former state attorney general in Maine and dozens of others in interviews around the United States cited deep-seated changes in the country's mores and political culture.

Many Americans no longer expect their president to be a moral paragon, some said. In a good economy, low inflation far outranks accusations of low behavior, others said. Some pointed to more permissive views on morality and sexuality; others to heightened public alienation from politicians and the overheated media

Public opinion is notoriously fickle and the ultimate assessment of Mr. Clinton will depend on how the

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The following article was reported by Carey Gold- drama plays out. But in many ways, the response to accusations that the president had an affair with a White House intern and asked her to lie about it has caused the nation to observe changes that preceded and will long outlast the current scandal, much as the O. J. Simpson case provided a stark reflection of the na-

tion's division on race. "It is sad but true," summed up James Tierney, the former attorney general of Maine, "that Americans do not look to their president for

moral leadership.' Mr. Tierney, a Democrat, ad-ded: "After the immediate shock and revulsion, people thought about it and said, 'Well, he's not the moral leader of the country, and I never asked him to be. Then I look at the other things I care about and believe in, and clearly

his policies are strong on those." Americans, it emerges, tend to want a president more like a corporate chief executive officer, deft and unflappable, rather than an embodiment of all the country's lofty ideals.

"The morality issue, 30 years ago, would have been much greater," said John Merian, 39, owner of a tuxedo store in Brockton, Massachusetts. "So that's got to be a statement on our own society - that we separate the personal from the office. We really don't care if he had this affair or that affair or the other affair, so long as he's doing a good job."

In recent years, especially. Americans have heard more and more about real or alleged adulterous frolics by John Kennedy, Franklin Roosevelt and Lyndon Johnson to the point that presidential historians say it is

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AGENDA

Balloon's Course Barred by China

A European balloon team's goal of circling the globe nonstop appeared to be doomed by China's refusal of overflight rights Tuesday, although team members were still hoping that Beijing would relent. The Breitling Orbiter 2 control center in Geneva said chances of making the historic global circuit were "zero" without a Chinese change of heart.

As the balloon hovered over northern India late Tuesday, there seemed little hope that Beijing would drop its objections that the balloon would pose a risk to other aircraft. Page 6.

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U.S. Court Won't Bar Execution

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The U.S. Supreme Court refused Tuesday to stop the execution of Karla Faye Tucker, 38, a repentant killer whose expected fate has prompted international condemnation.

Unless Governor George Bush of Texas granted a reprieve, she was to have been put to death by lethal injection at 2400 GMT on Tuesday for a 1983 double pickax murder.

Pope John Paul II has urged that she be granted clemency, as have the United Nations and the European Union. Page 7.

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German Unemployment Number of jobless in millions '96

Cairo Eases **Opposition** To a Strike Against Iraq

By John Lancaster and Barton Gellman Washington Post Service

CAIRO — The U.S. secretary of state, Madeleine Albright, failed to persuade Egypt on Tuesday to back the threat of American military force against Iraq. But the Egyptian foreign minister, Amr Moussa, appeared to temper Egypt's objections to military ac-tion, warning Iraq that its failure to cooperate with UN weapons inspec-tions could result in "grave consequences.

After a week in which Egypt has voiced its opposition to any kind of military strikes against Baghdad, Mr. Moussa's measured comments on Tuesday night marked a clear softening in

They added to the impression that Mrs. Albright had achieved at least partial success during her tour of the region. winning pledges of support, if not direct cooperation, from several of Washington's most important Arab allies.

"The secretary was well satisfied with the expressions of support she received across the board," Mrs. Al-bright's spokesman, James Rubin, said to reporters here before Mrs. Albright departed for Washington on Tuesday night. "The fruits of this effort will become even more apparent in the com-

ing days."

Earlier in the day, the government of Bahrain became the second in the Gulf region, after Kuwait, to associate itself with American threats of military force

Germany Rushes A Jobs Program To Parry Protests **Set for Thursday**

With 4.8 Million Level in Sight, **Bonn Wants Local Governments** To Hire Long-Term Unemployed

By John Schmid

FRANKFURT — Threatened this week with another unemployment record and nationwide demonstrations, Chancellor Helmut Kohl's government rushed forward

a package of job-creation measures Tuesday. Bonn has come under pressure to act after French job seekers, who have held protests and occupied France's unemployment offices, inspired German social activists

to do the same on the opposite side of the Rhine.

Germany's single-day version of jobless unrest is to take place at more than 70 locations Thursday in order take place at more than 70 locations I hursday in order to coincide with publication of the latest unemployment report. The jobless total for January is expected to be between 4.8 million and 4.9 million, approaching the psychologically painful threshold of 5 million people. In December, Europe's economic powerhouse reached a postwar record of 4.52 million unemployed.

The vice president of the German Federation of

The vice president of the German Federation of Labor, Ursula Engelen-Kefer, predicted this week that unemployment in February could reach 5 million.

Mr. Kohl's government plans to push the job programs into Parliament for debate Thursday, in time to present a response to both the protesters and the latest unemployment data.

Mr. Kohl's allies hailed their latest job initiative as the biggest plan to attack unemployment since the government sought to rewrite the tax system, legslation that was introduced a year ago and later defeated by left-wing opposition politicians. Tax reform was seen by many economists and international organizations as Germany's best opportunity to stimulate hiring, investment and business confidence.

At the heart of the job initiative is a nationwide "welfare-to-work" provision meant to get the long-term unemployed jobs as local government employees, said Ulf Fink, author of the plan and a representative of Mr. Kohl's Christian Democratic Union in the lower house of Parliament.

Klaus Zwickel, president of the powerful IG Metall trade union, dismissed the coalition's labor market efforts as election-year politics. Under the Kohl government, "not more jobs are being created but rather fewer," he told German radio.

Joachim Toeppel, a board member of IG Metall, which threw its support behind the protesters Tuesday, said, "The unbraked escalation of unemployment goes along with dramatic cuts in social security.

Arguing that French discontent had little chance to cross the border, Labor Minister Norbert Bluem took

pains to point out "fundamental differences" between French and German unemployment. At nearly 28 percent, French youth unemployment far outstrips the corresponding rate in Germany, at 10.5 percent, he said, adding that Germany is the only

European Union nation in which the youth unemployment rate is below the national average. Addressing a key concern of the French demonstrators, Mr. Bluem argued that Germany's jobless

benefits are far more comprehensive and protective than France's

In the heat of a German election year, the nation's

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Secretary of State Madeleine Albright stepping down at Cairo airport Tuesday on her way to meet President Hosni Mubarak. It was the last stop on her current tour.

Israelis View Peace Process As on 'Artificial Respirator'

Nation in Gloomy Mood Over Stalled Effort, Poll Shows

By Serge Schmemann New York Times Service

JERUSALEM — In the view of leading Israeli commentators, Secretary of State Madeleine Albright's failure to budge Israeli and Palestinian leaders from their impasse over the weekend marked the end of the current American mediating effort --- and a low point in relations between Mrs. Albright and Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

At her meetings with Mr. Netanyahu and the Palestinian leader, Yasser Arafat, Mrs. Albright told each in effect that she was sick and tired of their inability to make tough decisions, and she left with virtually all major differences

still unresolved. That, wrote David Makovsky in an analysis published in Tuesday's issue of the liberal newspaper Ha'aretz, marked the end of the initiative that Mrs. Albright began last summer when she won agreement from Israelis and Palestinians for a four-point agenda to revive

the negotiating process. Approximately a half-year later, there has

not been a breakthrough on a single item of the agenda, and there is nowhere to go from here,"
Mr. Makovsky wrote. "The peace process is now on an artificial respirator."

Shimon Shiffer, a leading political reporter for the centrist Yedioth Ahronoth, cited anonymous accounts of Mrs. Albright's meeting with Mr. Netanyahu on Saturday to conclude in Monday's newspaper that the evening "will be remembered as one of the lowest points in the relations between the prime minister and the U:S. secretary of state.

He said that at the conclusion of a dinner. Mrs. Albright had made clear to Mr. Netanyahu that the United States was likely to abandon mediation in the Middle East if Israel "continues to display a stubborn and uncompro-

mising attitude toward the Palestinians.' Though Palestinian and Israeli officials are supposed to travel to Washington next week to continue talks with Americans, Mr. Makovsky said that if Dennis Ross, the U.S. mediator for the Middle East, Mrs. Albright and President

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Back to the Havana She Once Called Home

By Mirta Ojito New York Times Service

AVANA — This is the moment when, in my dreams, I begin to cry. And yet, I'm strangely calm as I go up the stairs to the apartment of my childhood in Santos Suarez, the only place that, after all these years, I still refer to as la casa, home.

I am holding a pen and a reporter's notebook and. as I always do when I am working, I count the steps: 20. In my memory, there were only 16. The staircase seems narrower than I remember, the ceiling

Perhaps I have grown taller, perhaps my hips have widened with age and pregnancy. I am buying mental time, distracting my mind from what I am certain will be a shock.

After 17 years and 8 months, I have returned to Cuba as a reporter. I am here to cover the visit of Pope John Paul II, not

to cry at the sight of a chipped, old tile on the floor.

The last time I went down these steps I was 16 years old and a police car was waiting for me and my family downstairs. They had come to tell us that my uncle, like thousands of other Cuban exiles who had returned to Cuba to claim their relatives, waited at the port of Mariel to take us to Miami in a leased

shrimp boat. It was May 7, 1980, the first days of what became known as the Mariel boatlift, the period from April to September 1980 when more than 125,000 Cubans left the island for the United States.

That day I left my house in a hurry. The police gave us 10 minutes to get ready and pack the few personal items we were allowed to take: an extra set of clothing, some pictures, toothbrushes. Everything else, from my books to my dolls and my parents' wedding china, remained behind. There were dishes in the sink and food in the refrigerator. My underwear in a drawer and my mother's sewing

machine open for work. Since then, I have often thought about this house, remembering every detail, every curve and tile and squeaky sound: The green walls of the living room, the view from the balcony, the feel of the cold tiles under my bare feet, the sound of my father's key in the keyhole and the muffled noise from the old refrigerator in the kitchen.

A stranger opens the door and I tell her who I am and what I want. "I used to live here," I say. "I'd like to take a look.'

Surprisingly, she knows my name. She asks if I am the older or the younger child who used to live in the house. I say I am the older as I look over her head. Straight into my past. My home remains practically as we left it, seemingly frozen in time.

like much of Cuba today.

There, to the right of the bedroom's door, is my father's handiwork — two glass shelves he screwed into the wall - and my mother's set of orange and green glasses. Later, I learn that no one ever drinks from those glasses. If they break, the new owner of the house tells me, they cannot be replaced. Under the shelves is my bookcase, painted a fresh coat of dark brown. A carpenter friend of my father's had built it for me when I was a little girl.

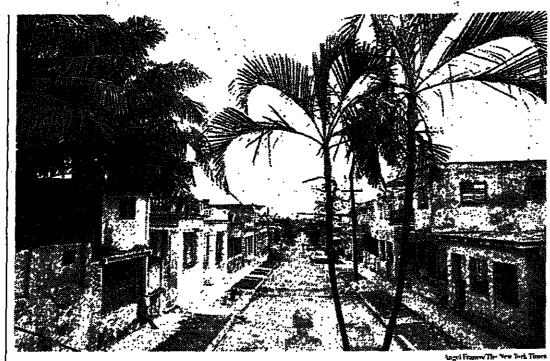
Y BOOKS are gone, though. When the Cuban government declared a few years ago that it had entered a "special period" of shortages and books all but disappeared, she took my books to the school where she teaches. I am pleased to hear that. It is a much

nicer fate than I had imagined. One book remains, "Captain at 15," by Jules Verne. I want to take it to New York with me, to show it to my son. But I do not say anything and the yellowing book remains there, inside the bookcase. My mother's pots and pans are in the kitchen. The old wooden ironing board remains where it always

was, behind the door to the patio.

This is a strange feeling. I knew I would face my childhood by coming here, but I never expected to relive it as I am doing now. I go out to the balcony and then, as if on cue, I hear someone calling out my childhood nickname, "Mirtica! Mirtica!"

For a moment, I do not know who is calling or even if the call is real. It sounds like my mother calling me for dinner. But it is the neighbor from the corner who looked up from her terrace and some-





how recognized me. I wave faintly. I want to stay in

this apartment for a long time. I want to be left alone.

a truck driver, just as my father was. They have a 15-

year-old son who sleeps on a sofa bed in the living

room, just as my sister and I did. The government

gave them the apartment a few months after we left. Their own house, nearby, had been badly damaged

The floor tiles are lackluster and chunks of plaster

have fallen from the ceiling. There is no light in the

living room, because nowadays in Cuba lightbulbs

Despite their warm welcoming, I am acutely aware of what the Jimenezes may be thinking. For years, one

of the propaganda campaigns that the Cuban gov-

ernment has mastered is that of instilling in ordinary

Cubans the fear that exiles in the United States want to

return to the country to recover the homes and

I have no interest in my former home and

whatever furniture still exists there, other than a purely sentimental one. But I do not know what the

Jimenezes are thinking. They are, however, ex-

tremely generous with their time and space. They

serve me coffee. We discuss the good features of the

apartment, as if this were a real estate transaction.

When, upon leaving, I apologize for the incon-

venience, Mr. Jimenez tells me: "Don't mention it.

This is your home."

I roam through the house as if it were my own.

businesses they lost when they left the country.

are luxury items. But it is home. And, yes, I cry.

The Jimenez family now lives in the house. He is

But I cannot. It is no longer my home.

18 years ago, seemingly frozen in time, like much of Cuba today.

To Mirta Ojito, her home in

I knew this would be an emotional visit. Before I mustered enough courage to go up to the apartment. had walked through the neighborhood.

Enamorados Street remains practically

as she and her family left it nearly

As my father asked me to do, I visit la bodega and search for Juan, the Spaniard who once owned it and, after it was confiscated by the government in the early years of the revolution, remained there as an employee of the state. He is retired now, but I find him helping out at another bodega. We chat. I take a picture for my father as he stands behind the counter with a pencil balanced behind his ear, as he always did.

I walk the streets and find faces I recognize. I approach some; others approach me because, they tell me. I remind them of my mother. Some call out her name, which is also mine: "Mirta, what are you doing here? You've come back?'

They tell me who died and who left. The son of my sixth-grade teacher lost a leg in a bicycle accident. My next-door neighbor left for Spain with her son, Pepito, to claim an inheritance. The musician from downstairs died of bone cancer, his daughter married an Italian and left.

HE OLD movie theater is gone, demolished two years ago because it was crumbling with age and disrepair. Another theater has been condemned. The hardware store is now a government office. The streets are unpaved and full of potholes.

In a way, I'm reporting the story of a neighborhood, a typical one in Havana. But I'm also reporting the life I never got to have. Through their stories, I see what my life could have become. I search for parallels. I imagine myself as my neighbors.

Could I have become a professional like the two girls from the corner who now teach? Would I have left in a raft like my next-door neighbor? Or perhaps I would have gone crazy, like the woman across the street. Regina, who could not recall my name after years of electroshock and pills. Her husband was accused of counterrevolutionary activities in 1979

After a second visit to the apartment, I leave. And I leave the way I left almost 18 years ago, profoundly sad, surrounded by friends and neighbors, people glad that I remembered them, unselfish people who are happy that I left and live better than they do. Who says that Cubans are divided by politics or

even by an ocean? In Enamorados Street, my home and my people remain.

U.S. AIDS Deaths Drop As Treatments Improve

By Lawrence K. Altman

New York Times Service

CHICAGO - AIDS deaths across the United States plummeted 44 percent in the first half of 1997, accelerating earlier gains against the disease attributed to improved drug therapies, according to health officials, who also said the gains crossed sex and racial lines.
Full U.S. figures for 1997 will not be available until July; the first-half figures were measured against the first half of

The new figures mark the second year in a row in which deaths from the incurable acquired immune deficiency

syndrome have declined.

Theoretically, the decline in AIDS deaths could have resulted from prevention efforts or some unknown factor, health specialists meeting in Chicago said. But the most likely explanation, they said, is expanded use of combinations of newer and older drugs that

began to be introduced in recent years.
"This is a new era" in AIDS, Dr.
Kevin DeCock, an AIDS official from the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, said at a news conference. "We can't think that the end of the epidemic is in sight, but it certainly is the beginning of a new period.

"The challenge now is to improve

Dr. DeCock and Dr. Mary Ann Chiasson, the New York City assistant commissioner for disease intervention research, said they did not know how long the decline in deaths would continue or how low the numbers would reach. One reason, they said, is that no one knows how long the benefits of the new combination therapies will last.

Officials do not know whether new cases of infection by the human immunodeficiency virus that causes AIDS are rising or falling, because many states. including New York and California, do not require such cases to be reported. Instead, those states require only that fullblown cases of AIDS be reported.

But that may change. Last month, the nation's largest AIDS service agency, the Gay Men's Health Crisis in New York, reversed its position and called for the reporting of HIV infections, saying that while it was still concerned with maintaining the privacy of people with HIV, reporting of HIV cases would improve the tracking of the disease.

In New York City. an average of seven people a day died from AIDS in

1997, compared with 19-3 people a day two years earlier. Since the early days of the epidemic, New York has been one of the most hardest hit of American cities. Although it has only 3 percent of the nation's population, it has 16 percent of its AIDS cases.

Nationally, the number of newly reported AIDS cases dropped 12 percent, to 29,520, for the first six months of 1997, compared with 33,590 in the first half of 1996.

Many speakers in Chicago, however, cited a surge in HIV infections in Africa and other areas where many people cannot afford the combination therapies.

Germany to Rule On Law Curbing **Smoking in Offices**

BONN — Traditionally a guilt-free smokers' paradise that imposes few restrictions on smoking in pub-lic places, Germany plans to in-troduce one of Europe's toughest anti-smoking laws in Parliament on Thursday.

Clouds of smoke swirling around

offices are a common sight. But a flurry of recent legal cases complaining of employers' failure to protect nonsmokers' health in the

to protect nonsmokers' health in the workplace have prompted efforts to pass nationwide legislation.

According to Ute Titze-Stecher of the Social Democratic Party, one of the chief proponents of the antismoking bill, in 30 percent of cases where employees call for designated where employees call for designated smoking areas, they fail to receive the management support needed to enforce the rule effectively.

Under the draft of the law to be presented to the lower house of Parliament, employers would be obliged to create separate smoking rooms or face fines of up to 5,000 Deutsche marks (\$2,700), while employees violating the ban could be subject to fines of 100 DM.

The bill is backed by a crossparty group of Chancellor Helmut Kohl's Christian Democrats, the Free Democratic Party and the opposition Social Democratic Party.

POLITICAL TRAVEL UPDATE

Tokyo Airport Security...

around Tokyo's international airport Tuesday after three homemade rockets fired into a cargo plane area slightly injured a worker.

The Monday night attack came as foreign athletes, officials and spectators were streaming through the Narita airport on their way to the Nagano Winter Olympics, which start Saturday.

The authorities have no evidence so far linking the rockets to the Games, an airport spokesman said. They suspect the attack was carried out by leftist radicals. who have long opposed the building of a second runway. (AP)

Paris Speed Limit Cut

PARIS - Speed limits will be lowered Wednesday in Paris as exhaust fumes in a spell of freezing, windless weather have caused a pollution alert, the police said Tuesday.

WEATHER

The police chief said speed limits would be cut by 20 kilometers per hour TOKYO — Police tightened security to 60 kph (37.5 mph) on the capital's round Tokyo's international airport ring highway and to 50 kph on riverside uesday after three homemade rockets highways starting at 7 A.M. (Reuters)

New York Visit Center

NEW YORK — In a plan to provide New York City's first large-scale tourist information center, the Times Square Business Improvement District plans to renovate the landmark Embassy Theater in Duffy Square into what it calls the Times Square Visitors Center.

The property owners' group said Monday that the 73-year-old movie theater, on Seventh Avenue, would open by May with much of its ornate interior detail restored. The center will offer such services as tour bus and theater ticket sales and free tourist brochures. Perhaps equally important for visitors and residents alike, the center is to provide the only restrooms in Times Square open to the public.

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Power Cuts Hit 220,000 As Storm Batters Florida

MIAMI - A powerful storm packing tornadoes and drenching rain struck southern Florida on Tuesday, leaving 220,000 people without power and driving ships aground. At least one person was killed and several people had to be rescued at sea.

As the storm blew in from the Gulf of Mexico and moved slowly northward, states along the East Coast braced for rain, wind and snow.

At least four tornadoes hit the Miami area and another struck near Fort Lauderdale.

A second major storm hammered California, leaving thousands without power Tuesday and causing flooding that shut down Amtrak train service along the entire West Coast and

closed highways. Flood warnings were posted Tuesday for parts of California. North Carolina and Tennessee, with coastal flood watches on the Atlantic shore as far north as Chesapeake Bay. Winter storm warnings were issued for the Sierra Nevada mountains in California, southern Nevada and northwestern Arizona, while snow warnings were in place for West Virginia.

El Niño, the Pacific warming phenomenon that affects weather patterns worldwide, was believed to be influencing the path and strength of the storms on both coasts.

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Officials familiar with the White

Sleight of Hand Aside, Clinton's Budget Sets the Political Agenda restored the balance of confidence between government and the public."

Mr. Clinton is sticking within the overall restrictions of the stringent budget agreement reach last year, and he has sought to burnish an image of fiscal prudence by insisting that any

NEWS ANALYSIS

surpluses be put aside until the government solves the long-term problems of Social Security. But to pay for new and expanded programs, including more teachers, more classrooms, more child care and more medical research, Mr. Clinton has created two hypothetical pots of money, without which the budget

would look a lot less generous.

The first is \$65.5 billion that the White House assumes the federal government will reap over the next five years from a settlement with the tobacco industry --- a settlement that faces immense hurdles in Congress.

The other is \$24 billion in measures to raise revenues over the next five years by closing tax

loopholes and taking away tax breaks from powerful interest groups, including Wall Street and the real estate industry. Half of the tax proposals have been rejected by Congress in the past, and much of the other half will also generate intense opposition.

If those two pools of money - plus another generated by spending cuts in a variety of programs, including veterans' benefits - fail to materialize, the administration will find it difficult, if not impossible, to pay for its new programs. And in the meantime, the White House budget is being criticized by the Republican leadership as a fantasy, if not a deception.

"I am having a great deal of difficulty un-derstanding how the president of the United States can in a straight face tell the American people we're living up to last year's agreement, we're going to be in balance and have a surplus. but don't worry about a thing, we can spend \$150 billion on new programs and tax credits and everything is going to be all right," said Pete Domenici, Republican of New Mexico and chairman of the Senate Budget Committee.

the budget to set out a political agenda, and it is hardly surprising that he would push his partisan program as hard as possible in a year when Democrats plan to mount an aggressive attack on the Republican majority in the mid-term congressional elections.

Anyone who thinks the budget process is about accounting or numerology should know that it's not," said Martha Phillips, the executive director of the Concord Coalition, a nonpartisan fiscal watchdog group. "It's political." she said. 'It's about developing your vision for the next 5 or 10 years, and working backward from there to make the numbers add up.'

In his budget, she said, Mr. Clinton "is being Democratic president leading his party. Democrats hail the economic benefits from

eliminating the deficit - lower interest rates and more economic growth - but also focus on the increased flexibility that balanced budgets provide in addressing the nation's problems

through new tax and spending programs. Most Republicans, by contrast, see both eco-

Mr. Clinton is hardly the first president to use nomic benefits and an opportunity to reduce the size and influence of the federal government moving power closer to the people and freeing the economy from the burdens of taxation and

regulation. Republicans are asking Americans to make a false choice between big government and less government," said Representative Richard Gephards of Missouri, the Democratic leader in the House. "Democrats believe the choice is between smart government and idle government. This

budget shows where the debate should begin." If the tobacco settlement comes together, Mr. Clinton would have a good shot at enacting at least some of his spending proposals, few of which Republicans would want to be on record

as voting against. Even without the settlement, Mr. Clinton will have given Democrats a positive agenda to take on the campaign trail. And by invoking the need to fix Social Security before parceling out any surpluses, he has complicated the task of Republicans in advancing the centerpiece of their agenda, tax-cutting.

Lewinsky's White House Visits: 37

Intern's Entries There Took Place After She Left for Pentagon Job

By Don van Natta Jr. and John M. Broder New York Times Service

By Richard W. Stevenson

New York Times Service

WASHINGTON — Eliminating the federal

budget deficit might help win President Bill

Clinton a place in tomorrow's history books, but

his new tax and spending proposals just as

clearly take aim at today's politics, offering a

dissonant mix of conditional generosity and vir-

Mr. Clinton has never been content to manage

a government of declining resources and in-

fluence, and he has more reasons than ever to

a budget that should show a modest surplus next

year, thanks to a booming economy and the

budget agreement he hammered out last year

with the Republican-led Congress, and through a

bit of legerdemain tacked on an expansive.

shrewd set of spending proposals.

budget, more than just line up numbers on a

ledger," Mr. Clinton said Monday. "We have

restored the balance of values in our policy,

"We've done more than simply balance the

want to be seen as active and engaged. So he took

tuous austerity.

WASHINGTON - Monica Lewinsky visited the White House about three dozen times after leaving her low-level job there to work at the Pentagon in 1996, and she was usually cleared for entry by the president's personal secretary, according to officials who have either seen or been briefed about White House visitation logs.

The frequency of Ms. Lewinsky's visits had not been previously disclosed. Officials at the Pentagon said Monday night that the trips were not related to her iob at the press office there.

Ms. Lewinsky's White House visits are a crucial piece of information as the independent counsel, Kenneth Starr, investigates accusations that President Bill Clinton had a sexual relationship with Ms. Lewinsky and then encouraged her to lie about it. Mr. Clinton has strongly denied having had a sexual relationship with Ms. Lewinsky, and he has said he never asked anyone to lie.

House logs did not describe Ms. Lewinsky's ultimate destination in the White House or the purpose of her visits, including whether she saw the pres-

One official said the records indicated that Ms. Lewinsky was given clearance to enter the White House on 37 occasions from April 1996 to December 1997. The New York Times has reported that her last visit to the White House, now under scrutiny by investigators, occurred Dec. 28, 11 days after she had been subpoenaed to testify in the Paula Jones sexual misconduct lawsuit against the president.

Ms. Lewinsky is claiming that during that visit the president told her that she could testify in Mrs. Jones's lawsuit that her visits to him at the White House were to see his secretary, Betty Currie, according to an associate of Ms. Lewinsky and others who know her version of events.

Ms. Currie's desk is just outside the Oval Office door, and Ms. Currie acts as Mr. Clinton's gatekeeper, admitting or deflecting visitors and screening telephone calls. She appeared before Mr. Starr's federal grand jury last Tuesday. A White House spokesman refused to confirm or deny the specific number of visits Ms. Lewinsky made to the White House after moving to the Pentagon in

The frequency of Ms. Lewinsky's White House visits underscores the unusual access granted to a low-level employee, access that other White House and government employees have characterized as uncommon.

Assistant Defense Secretary Kenneth Bacon, the Pentagon's chief spokesman and Ms. Lewinsky's immediate supervisor before she left that job Dec. 24,

said, 'It was not part of her official duties to go to the White House.' The White House has declined to release what are called 'wave' records, which log the precise times that outsiders are granted clearance to visit the White House, despite repeated requests from news organizations.

The wave records were turned over to Mr. Starr's investigators on Jan. 26, just before the independent counsel began presenting evidence to a federal grand



A sound technician staking out the Watergate apartment of Monica Lewinsky in Washington dipping into a box of doughnuts sent down by Bob Dole, the 1996 Republican presidential candidate, who also lives there.

POLITICAL NOTES



Former Governor Fife Symington of Arizona and his wife, Anne, after he was sentenced in Phoenix to 30 months for defrauding lenders.

Symington Sentenced In Land Fraud Case

PHOENIX - Fife Symington, the former governor of Arizona whose once-promising political career lies in ruins, has been sentenced to two and a half years in prison and five years' probation for his conviction on federal charges that he defrauded his lenders as a commercial real estate developer in the late 1980s and early

"It's sometimes hard to believe that, from such stupid mistakes, a nightmare was born and flourished,' Mr. Symington told a hushed courtroom during the sentencing here Monday afternoon, his voice sometimes cracking as family members cried quietly in the front rows behind

He described the five-year criminal investigation and trial as "the most brutal experience of my life."

Judge Roger Strand of U.S. District Court read the sentence solemnly from papers on the bench, seldom looking at Mr. Symington, a greatgrandson of the robber baron Henry Clay Frick. As recently as five years ago, Mr. Symington was considered among the national Republican

Party's rising stars. Judge Strand reduced the sentence from the 10 years in prison that prosecutors had sought on the ground that the losses Mr. Symington caused his lenders by submitting false financial statements overstated the seriousness of his crime, and on the ground that his status as a former public official might subject him to physical harm in

Shalala Laps It Up

WASHINGTON -Shalala is sporting a mustache to pro-

mote public health. Secretary of Health and Human Services, Ms. Shalala has become the latest celebrity to mug for a milk paign.

advertisement, like the one that fea-tured Patrick Ewing, the New York Knicks basketball star. She donned the familiar white milk mustache in a full-page advertisement in several national publications this week, including The New York Times.

Ms. Shalala posed for the advertisement to promote the benefits of calcium in preventing osteoporosis, a bone disease particularly serious among older women, aides said. But the advertisement is intended for

teenagers.

"Girls need to get calcium at an early age," said Melissa Skolfield, the department's chief spokeswoman. They drink diet Pepsi instead of milk. They risk stress fractures and

permanent bone damage. Ms. Shalala and the department waived the fee the secretary would otherwise have been paid.

Some public health advocates, though, questioned the propriety of a cabinet secretary hawking for the National Fluid Milk Processor Promotion Board, the nation's milk bottlers

and processors. "We have no dispute with the message, but there's certainly a slippery slope here," said Michael Jacobson, executive director of the Center for Science in the Public Interest, a health advocacy group here. "Cabinet secretaries should not be used in ads, whether it's for milk, mattresses or guided missiles. It sets a precedent that someone in the future will use for a controversial cause."

Quote/Unquote

Leon Panetta, former White House chief of staff, announcing that he will not run for governor of California because of the huge fund-raising de-mands that would be required: "I estimate that I'd have to raise something like a million dollars a week, starting now, to be competitive. My conclusion is that at this late date. it's just not realistic to expect that I could put together an effective cam-

Clinton Team's Strategy: Hold On to the Documents

By Peter Baker Washington Post Service

dispute last year over Democratic cam- Kenneth Starr. paign fund-raising, the White House strategically released entry logs, telephone records, notes and other internal documents that may not have provided a fiercely protected. flattering portrait of its activities but at

ting the information out first. In the two weeks since the furor erupted over whether President Bill Clinton

the White House has assembled many of the same types of records and turned president's advisers reasoned. WASHINGTON — Throughout the them over to the independent counsel,

But information about White House rious. isits and presidential phone calls that was made public last year is now being

The change in strategy reflects the least kept congressional critics from put- different nature of the perceived threat. according to White House officials. Clinton aides saw the campaign finance imbroglio largely in political terms. The had a sexual relationship with a former idea was to release documents them-White House intern, Monica Lewinsky, selves to preempt Republicans, who new inquiries it would generate. Re- version of the facts at all.

next day with their own spin on them, the With Ms. Lewinsky, they believe, the

who have controlled the flow of in-

formation. Yet Mr. McCurry also said that White House officials are reluctant to provide

and coached her to deny it under oath. probably would have leaked them the leasing logs listing who had visited the White House, for example, would only prompt questions about each visit and what it was about, he said.

"It's not that we can't answer the first danger is legal and thus far more seset of questions," Mr. McCurry said.
"It's the second, third, fourth and 10th spect," the White House press secretary, set of questions that we can't answer. Michael McCurry, said of the lawyers And then we'd be accused of being less than thorough and complete. And so not having a complete story, it's better to just lay back and wait.'

As a result, though, other White specific information about Ms. Lew- House aides fear that Mr. Clinton has insky unless they can then deal with the suffered because he has not put out any

New Target for L.A. Paparazzi?

Lewinsky Goes to California for 'Quiet Time' With Her Father

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Monica Lewinsky left Washington for California on Tuesday as her atdealing with prosecutors who are investigating an

alleged presidential affair and cover-up.
"It is a quiet time next week," the attorney, William Ginsburg, said in a telephone interview from Dulles International Airport before he and his

client boarded a flight to Los Angeles. Mr. Ginsburg also said a New York Times report that his client visited the White House 37 times after leaving her job there in 1996 was not surprising.

"It doesn't seem high to me," Mr. Ginsburg said, adding, "I'm not denying she'd be making visits like that." Mr. Ginsburg said he expected Ms. Lewinsky's visit with her father in California to last about a week. "We will be working with Monica to calm her down, advise her on her legal strategy and let

her see her dad," he said. the independent counsel, Mr. Ginsburg said, "Gen-paparazzi's back yard."

erally speaking, we are where we want to be." "Quite honestly, it is up to him to be in contact with us," Mr. Ginsburg added, referring to stalled torney said "we are where we want to be" in talks with Mr. Starr to secure Ms. Lewinsky's cooperation in exchange for full immunity from prosecution.

'Now that I am off the TV circuit, we will be working full-time preparing a legal defense," said Mr. Ginsburg, who had conducted a weeklong media blitz defending his client.

Ms. Lewinsky may not find the peace and quiet she is seeking in her father's home near Los Angeles, in Brentwood — the site in the O.J. Simpson saga where paparazzi camped out around the clock, helicopters buzzed overhead and gawkers cruised by day and night.

"We're licking our chops," said Lisa Gregorisch, executive producer of the tabloid TV show "Hard Copy." "We're at the airport, we're at the house, we're at her dad's offices."

er see her dad," he said.

"She's going to be followed wherever she
Asked where matters stood with Kenneth Starr, goes," Ms. Gregorisch said. "This is the

Away From Politics

• A powerful explosion at a factory in York, Pennsylvania, collapsed part of the building and threw large chunks of metal up to 12 blocks away, killing at least two workers. Several hundred workers were in the factory, which makes refrigeration, heating and air conditioning units, when the blast occurred.

• Federal prosecutors have bungled an investigation of organized crime's efforts to infiltrate Wall Street by mistakenly revealing their strategy in a key case. The New York Times reported. The government made public a confidential memorandum containing the names of victims and potential witnesses in the case involving reputed members of the Genovese and Bonanno crime families. The document was inadvertently filed last year in federal court in Phoenix, Arizona, and a defense attorney obtained a copy, the newspaper said.

 So-called deadbeat parents can be thrown in jail for failing to get jobs to make child-support payments, the California Supreme Court ruled, calling financial support of children a "fundamental parental obligation." Before the ruling, only parents who had an income and refused to

 A former fire fighter who provided copies of FBI center blueprints to the Mountaineer Militia was sentenced by a judge in Wheeling, West Virginia, to a year and a day in prison. James Rogers became the first person to be sentenced under a 1994 anti-terrorism statute. (AP)

Group Claims Abortion Clinic Bombing

By Rick Bragg New York Times Service

ATLANTA - Two letters claiming to be from the Army of God, a group that has already taken responsibility for a pair of bombings in Atlanta last year, say that it also carried out the bombing last week at an abortion clinic in Birmingham. Alabama, where an off-duty police officer was killed and a nurse was maimed.

The apparently identical letters - one sent to the Journal and Constitution — were intercepted Mon-markets, sells" or distributes the drug.

day by federal agents. Federal officials would not say precisely where the letters had been intercepted or why they had drawn suspicion.

Investigators would say only that the letters were similar to those in which the Army of God had claimed responsibility for the Atlanta bombings, at

an abortion clinic and a gay nightclub. The letter said abortion rights advocates apparently hope that if they are successful in efforts to market the French abortion pill RU-486 in the United States, "the resistance will end." Instead, it Atlanta office of Reuters, the other to The Atlanta said, "we will target anyone who manufactures,

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Readying Air Strike on Iraq: Wary Saudis Remain Key to Equation

By Barton Gellman Washington Post Service

RIYADH - When the U.S. secretary of state, Madeleine Albright, sat down to dinner amid the auburn hills and circus-size tents of the crown prince's desert encampment, the biggest question of her Gulf mission was on the table: whether U.S. warplanes would be allowed to use Saudi air bases to stage air strikes on Iraq.

More than seven hours later, long past nightfall Monday and long beyond schedule, Mrs. Albright emerged tense and drawn without an answer. Of the military requests, she said only that Prince Abdullah ibn Abdulaziz "took them all on

"I did lay out some of the military issues to the crown prince," Mrs. Albright said. "He wanted to consult with other members of his government."

Mrs. Albright added, however, that Riyadh and Washington agreed that Baghdad was to blame for the crisis over United Nations inspections of suspected Iraqi nonconventional weapons sites. "Responsibility" for this "falls squarely on the shoulders of Saddam Hussein," she said

Sources in Riyadh, meanwhile, said that the emir of neighboring Kuwait, Sheikh Jaber al Ahmad as Sabah, gave Mrs. Albright permission Sunday for U.S. F-117A Stealth fighters and A- 10 ground-attack aircraft to strike at Iraq from battle-management aircraft, even though it said aircraft to fly several missions each day. Jaber Air Base in southern Kuwait should di- "no" to bombers and missile launchers. That makes Saudi Arabia a crucial pa plomacy fail to bring Baghdad's full compliance with UN disarmament conditions imposed after

the 1991 Gulf War. Bahrain, the next focus of Mrs. Albright's eight-nation tonr, was regarded by the Clinton administration as likely to add its consent for attacks by U.S. B-1 bombers and F-16 and F-15 fighter jets deployed at Bahrain's Sheikh Isa Airfield, where they have been stationed since

But the Saudi position represents larger stakes than that of any other nation in the region, both diplomatically and operationally. The Clinton administration would like more than a pair of tiny Gulf emirates to demonstrate Arab support for an air offensive against Iraq.
Moreover, the U.S. military urgently needs

Saudi airspace and airfields to launch enough missiles and bombing raids to "put at risk the things that matter most" to Mr. Saddam, as General Anthony Zinni, chief of the U.S. Central Command, recently described the goal of any air offensive.

To that end, U.S. officials in Riyadh and in Washington say they hope for at least the same answer to the U.S. requests that Saudi Arabia has given twice before since the Gulf War: "yes" to the use of refueling, radar-jamming and AWACS

Part of the reason Saudi help is needed is that

time would be crucial in the air campaign.

Some members of President Bill Clinton's senior foreign policy team have acknowledged that allied and world reaction, especially among Arabs states, will impose practical limits on the duration of any air bombardment. Thus, if time is short, land-based American and British warplanes will have to fly a high number of sorties daily to inflict substantial damage on Iraq's con-

ventional and nonconventional military forces.

General Merrill McPeak, who was air force chief of staff during the Gulf War and is now retired, was quoted after the conflict as saying that warplanes launched from aircraft carriers against an adversary are like drizzle, while their land-based counterparts deliver blows "like

The simile is exaggerated perhaps and not much regarded by the navy, but it contains a grain of truth. Strike aircraft aboard three U.S. carriers and one British carrier in the Gulf region - along with cruise missiles from escorting warships and from B-52 bombers based on the Indian Ocean island of Diego Garcia - can and would be part of any air campaign. But defense officials say they lack the needed combination of heavy payload and rapid turnaround time that enables one

That makes Saudi Arabia a crucial parmer in any sustained air assault because it hosts nearly one-third of the U.S. aircraft in the region and controls a large part of the available airspace and

airfields near Iraq.

Mrs. Albright is leaving military details to
Defense Secretary William Cohen, who is scheduled to visit Riyadh next week. But officials said she set out to persuade Prince Abdullah — who has taken on much of the authority of his ailing half-brother, King Fahd, and is less enthusiastic than the monarch about the U.S. alliance — that his country cannot sit out the fight, if it comes to

"The Saudis don't have any sympathy for Saddam Hussein, but they do have to worry about their own public opinion of the suffering of the people of Iraq," a U.S. defense official said. "The question is how many pictures of dead bodies can they stand, because we know Saddam is going to give them those pictures, even if we conduct the perfect air campaign."

Saudi military cooperation could come in a

number of forms, some vital and all of them desirable, according to U.S. officials. The first, nearly impossible to operate without, is permission for attacking jets and missiles to fly over Sandi territory. There is simply not enough room in the bottleneck of international airspace formed

at Iraq's southeastern border for all the traffic required of a substantial air campaign. In any case, defenseless aircraft such as AWACS and fuel tankers need to hang back over Saudi air-

Another key request that U.S. planners have made is for the use of Saudi bases for the scores of support aircraft needed by the strike planes ese support planes include the AWACS aircraft that synchronize all the other warplanes; EF-111 radar jammers used to Iraqi air defenses; KC-135s used to refuel fighters flying long air pairols, and EC-130s used to gather battlefield intelligence.

Also in this category but closer to a combat role are the F-15C fighters assigned to protect the other aircraft from Iraqi jets. The majority of all these support aircraft in the region are based in

A military officer closely involved in the plans said that if the United States could not use Saudi Arabia for support aircraft, then "I don't know if we could even pull it off."
In theory, aircraft carriers could take over the

support responsibilities, but with scarce deck space and catapult availability the vessels would lose much of their striking power. If carrier-based F-14 fighters had to fly combat air patrol, for example, they would carry missiles used to shoot down other planes instead of bombs.

Iraq Parallel With Vietnam

Senate Resolution Strikes Some as a 'Blank Check'

By Helen Dewar Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON — When Senate leaders proposed a resolution last week urging President Bill Clinton to "take all necessary and appropriate actions" against Iraq, they intended a strong bipartisan message to President Saddam Hussein that the United States means business about forcing destruction of Iraq's weapons of mass destruction.

Instead, the broad sweep of the resolution has surred memories of the Gulf of Tonkin resolution that President Lyndon Johnson used to escalate U.S. involvement in the Vietnam War. As a result, it has invited debate over the administration's long-term strategy on Iraq.

Critics of the resolution have not objected to the administration's declared plans for air strikes against Iraq if its leaders do not allow unrestricted weapons inspections, although some have misgivings about the plans, Rather, they are taking issue with what they see as a "blank check" for military escalation without a vote of Congress - as happened after 1964, when Congress sanctioned "all necessary measures" by Johnson to repel attacks on U.S. forces in Vietnam and to

prevent further aggression. Even though the Gulf of Tonkin resolution had the force of law, unlike the proposed nonbinding resolution on Iraq, some legislators fear that the current measure could be used as a tacit endorsement of an expanding military mission, including possible deployment of American ground troops.

"When I read that language, all the bells and whistles went off," said Senator Richard

jets based at the Sheikh Isa with Mrs. Albright and Pres-Air Base in Bahrain if the ident Hosni Mubarak. Egypt, United States decided to he said, is "fully behind the

need for a diplomatic solution that for the time being."
to the standoff. A senior U.S. official in

forts by France, Russia and noted that Egypt joined Turkey, the Arab League has France and Russia last fall in

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Washington's Arab allies

against Iraq. Public opinion in on the table.

are far from enthusiastic at the

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Arab countries is deeply sympathetic to the Iraqis, if not to Saddam Hussein, and pro-Western Arab states are

united in emphasizing the

Adding to diplomatic ef-

dispatched its secretary-gen-eral, Esmat Abdel Meguid, to

Baghdad in a last-ditch effort

to persuade Mr. Saddam to

back down. Outside of

Bahrain and Kuwait, the

United States has no assur-

ances that its allies in the re-

gion would cooperate in mil-

itary operations if diplomatic

At the same time, American officials said they had

been gratified by expressions

of support from such Arab

leaders as King Hussein of

Jordan and Crown Prince Ab-

Mrs. Albright met for six

hours Monday night, the

Saudi government said in a

statement that the failure of

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Durbin of Illinois, one of several Democrats who are urging changes in the resolution to acknowledge constitutional and legal limits on presidential use of military force.

"I've been down that road before and don't

want to go down it again," said Senator Max Cleland, a Georgia Democrat who lost both legs and one arm in a grenade explosion during the Vietnam War. "My point here is that there shouldn't be a rush to judgment" which he said was the case with the Gulf of Tonkin resolution.

Even some who support the resolution, such as Senator Joseph Biden Jr. of Delaware, the ranking Democrat on the Foreign Relations Committee, argue that Congress should go further and vote on formal authorization of military action, including air strikes.

In addition, senators say there are strong, although largely unspoken, concerns about where administration policy is headed, including how the United States will respond if air strikes fail to result in Iraqi cooperation with weapons inspectors.

A vote on the resolution, originally targeted for last week, was put off until after a briefing on Iraq on Capitol Hill by Defense Secretary William Cohen and the national security adviser, Samuel Berger.

Senators, meanwhile, were exchanging proposals for a compromise. The Senate majority leader, Trent Lott of Mississippi, who drafted the proposal with the support of the minority leader, Thomas Daschle of South Dakota, said he was "not wedded" to the original wording but did want language with "some punch to it." There was never an intention to authorize ground troops, the Republican added, and the resolution would not do so.

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foreign minister, used similar

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Asked whether Egypt was

prepared to back military

force against Iraq if diplomacy fails, Mr. Moussa replied,
"I'm not ready to go beyond

Mrs. Albright's delegation

abstaining on an American-

sponsored resolution calling

for modest travel sanctions on

Iraqi officials during the last

episode of defiance of UN

inspectors. "Now all of them are united in their determi-

While acknowledging that

none of the Arab allies is

eager for a military strike, the official said Mrs. Albright

saw nothing "to suggest that

if force became necessary

there would be a groundswell

Bahrain's foreign minister, Mohammed ibn Mubarak al

Khalifa, appearing alongside

Mrs. Albright at a news con-ference Tuesday, repeated

opposition from Arab

nation to see compliance,'

the official said.

Mr. Moussa, the Egyptian

reporters after meeting here olutions."



CONFRONTATION — A Palestinian whose house was being bulldozed threatening Israeli soldiers with a stone Tuesday in Ras Karakar, West Bank. The Israelis said the house had been built illegally.

ISRAEL: Nation Gloomy Over the Stalled Peace Process

Continued from Page 1

Bill Clinton failed to find a solution,

IRAQ: Cairo Eases Opposition to Military Action convince the public that the process is alive, since the only thing that Netanyahu and Arafat fear is that "lead to grave consequences mula that she has pressed in they will be blamed by the U.S. for Iraq, he said, should "rethe halting of the process," Mr. Makovsky wrote.

consider its position" and "adhere to, comply with and implement all relevant United A poll taken by Tel Aviv University indicated that a majority of Nations Security Council res-Israelis surveyed were convinced that the peace effort had basically Every diplomatic effort to come to a stop, and an even greater reach a peaceful solution to majority was worried about this. the current crisis should be Asked how they described "the carrent status of the peace process be-tween Israel and the Palestinians," fully explored," but "failure of such diplomatic efforts will have grave consequences, the 75 percent of those responding said the process was essentially stalled. full responsibility for which will lay with Iraq."
The Bahraini statement

and 83.1 percent said they were "fairly" or "very" worried.

The risk that a collapse of the peace effort could lead to renewed violence was underscored by a third day of clashes between rock-throwing Palestinian youths and Israelis firing rubber bullets and tear gas at firing rubber builtets and tear gas at ballistic missiles being deployed on the entrance to Bethlehem. The dunes in the Negev. The army said fights began after the funeral of a the deployment was a "routine train-Palestinian youth who died in Israeli detention. The Israeli authorities said he had killed himself.

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olence was demonstrated when a missiles. The Patriots proved a poor group of Israeli coldiers began mov-shield, and 39 Scuds landed in Israel ing toward the Palestinian-controlled during the war. low-level officials were not likely to. part of the road into the city and low-level officials were not likely to. "Such visits to Washington are several Palestinian soldiers stepped motion without movement in a bid to out with automatic rifles. After a few

> The failure of President Clinton's Mrs. Albright's follow-up visit over the weekend, were largely overshadowed here by Mr. Clinton's domestic media of keeping Israelis in the dark and legal problems and by the threat about the level of threat in the crisis and legal problems and by the threat

of a war with Iraq.

The major question in the media in recent days has been whether a U.S. attack on Iraq would expose Israelis to the threat of an Iraqi chemical or biological attack, although govern-ment officials have repeatedly sought to assure Israelis that Iraq has not been threatening Israel.

Nonetheless, Israelis have been converging on distribution centers for gas masks in recent days to replace the obsolete masks they were issued during the Gulf War in 1991. Israeli television Monday showed

four American-made Patriot antiing exercise.'

missiles to Israel during the Gulf are not tied and Saddam Hussein War as a defense against Iraqi Scud knows this," he added.

Mr. Netanyahu, seeking to calm a mask distribution centers, said Tuesday that there was scant chance of an meetings with the two leaders, and of Iraqi missile attack on Israel, Reuters

The government, accused in the with Iraq, paraded a phalanx of generals before microphones to administer what Israel Radio called a multiple dose of tranquilizers."

"We assess that the chance of an attack by Iraq against Israel is ex-tremely small, "Mr. Netanyahu said. But he said Israel, out of a "sense of responsibility" was preparing for the possibility and was readier than any other country "to protect its citizens on the home front.'

Deputy Defense Minister Silvan Shalom said that the situation was now completely different from 1991. The number of missiles has been greatly reduced," he said, "as well as the number of launchers that were cut to a minimum, if they exist at all."

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Russia Backs Talks On Land Mine Ban

GENEVA -- Russia on Tuesday joined the United States in calling on the world's main disarmament conference to negotiate a global ban on land mines - but made it clear it did not expect quick results:

It was the first time that Russia had spoken clearly in favor of the 61-nation Conference on Disarmament in Geneva working on a pro-hibition treaty that would include countries which refused to join the ban signed in Ottawa in December.

But in a speech to the disarmament conference, the Russian negotiator, Grigori Berdennikov, said countries that agreed to the ban should not try to force the pace in wider Geneva talks.

Russia, which has huge stockpiles of anti-personnel land mines, was not among the 121 countries that signed the Ottawa treaty banning their use, production and export. Neither was the United States, China or India.

"We support the beginning of a gradual process leading eventually toward achieving a truly global ban on the production, use and transfer of anti-personnel land mines," Mr. Berdennikov said.

Kenyan Parliament Opens Amid Protest

NAIROBI - Dozens of opposition members of Parliament staged a noisy demonstration inside the Kenyan National Assembly on Tuesday during the first parliamentary session since elections on Dec. 29, witnesses said.

About 50 opposition lawmakers chanted and waved placards protesting perceived government indifference to a wave of ethnic violence in which more that 100 people have been killed since Jan. 11. The chanting continued when President Daniel arap Moi arrived to take his seat, and dozens of opposition members refused to stand as he entered the chamber.

But opposition threats to disrupt the election of the speaker of the house faded, and Francis ole Kaparo. a member of the governing Kenya African National Union, was reelected for a second five-year term.

The governing party has 113 seats in the new Parliament, Kenya's eighth since independence in 1963. Opposition parties have a total of 109 seats.

15 Slain on Road In Western Algeria

ALGIERS - Attackers disguised as police officers set up roadblocks and killed 15 people in western Algeria near the border with Morocco, a communiqué from the security services said Tuesday.

The victims were traveling separately in three cars when they were attacked Monday near the town of Tlemcen about 550 kilometers west of Algiers, the communiqué said.

Most of them had their throats

slit, residents of the region who spoke on condition of anonymity

2 Sentenced in U.S. Over Food for Cuba

MIAMI - Two men who had pleaded guilty to shipping food to Cuba in violation of the U.S. embargo have been sentenced to five months in prison and five months of house arrest.

The food was worth more than \$400,000, according to a federal indictment.

Carlos Fernandez, 52, a Cuban residing in the Miami area, and Kenneth Boyer, 42, an American resident of Santo Domingo, admirted that they were part of an operation that shipped food through the Dominican Republic to Havana. the government said.

Mr. Boyer also \$30,000. . Was

about access to the weapons sites without Mr. Saddam appearing to have been beaten. One possibility likely to be discussed was having the UN inspectors at the sites be accompanied by diplomats from member-countries of the UN Security Council. Since the sites are designated presidential, officials explained, the presence of diplomats could grant more "dignity" to the visits.

stopped short of endorsing

the slightly more bellicose language of France and Kuwait that "all options are

open" if Iraq failed to co-operate with UN inspectors.

But it represented solid dip-

lomatic support, and U.S. of-

ficials said they had little doubt that the emir would

back the use of force if it

In Baghdad, meanwhile, a French envoy, Bertrand Dufourcq, arrived Tuesday

with a message from President Jacques Chirac to Mr.

"face-saving" ways, an of-ficial said, of restarting talks

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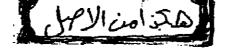
progressing, Reuters reported from Moscow.

But the outcome of talks by a Russian envoy, Viktor Posuvalyuk, was unclear after Rushdal denied Russian Baghdad denied Russian re-ports that Mr. Saddam had agreed to open eight new presidential sites to UN arms inspectors.

Also Tuesday, Baghdad criticized a UN proposal to increase oil sales under its oilfor-food deal, saying the move aimed at stealing "half of Iraq's oil wealth."



Crown Prince Hassan of Jordan, right, greeting Bernard Dufourcq, the French envoy, at the palace in Amman on Tuesday. Mr. Dufourcq later went on to Baghdad with a message for Saddam Hussein.



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Long Spell Of Drought Seen in Asia

El Nino Effect to Cause More Harm in Southeast

> By Thomas Crampton International Herald Trabane

BANGKOK - The drought in Southeast Asia will cause billions of dollars in damage and continue at least until March, climate experts said at a conference organized by the Asian Disaster Preparedness Center in Bangkok

Brought on by the weather pattern known as El Niño, the drought crippled harvests throughout the region last year and created severe food shortages in Papua New Guinea and parts of In-

El Niño, which occurs every few years, is a vast pool of abnormally warm water brought about by changes in at-mospheric pressure and ocean movements in the equatorial Pacific. The current El Niño, which is considered particularly powerful, has disrupted weather around the world and will probably delay the start of this year's rainy season, the climate experts say.

El Niño has a particularly strong effect on Indonesia's rainfall, said Nicholas Graham, director of the experimental forecast division of the International Research Institute for Climate Prediction. "Indonesia is ground zero for El Niño," he said.

The exceptionally dry weather contributed, for example, to the severity of the Indonesian forest fires that blanketed Southeast Asia with haze last vear. And the drought will no doubt aggravate the economic woes of a region that is already reeling from a cur-

rency crisis.
"Layoffs and rising prices have already started because of the monetary crisis," said Sri Diharto, director-general of Indonesia's Meteorology and Geophysical Agency. "In the next few months people will also begin to realize the impact of El Niño."

The Indonesian province of Irian Jaya, on the western side of New Guinea, was particularly affected by the drought last year, prompting the International Red Cross to begin a relief operation there.

But the impact of reduced harvests has been diminished for many Indonesians by rice stores, Mr. Diharto said. "When stocks run out, El Niño will be felt by all the people" in Indonesia, he



ON THE ROAD — A Congress Party worker carrying a cutout of Sonia Gandhi in Bombay on Tuesday as the widow of Prime Minister Rajiv Ghandi got set to campaign for the party. Elections begin Feb. 16.

Colombo Steps Up Security for Charles

COLOMBO --- This capital was on high security alert Tuesday as Prince Charles of Britain arrived for celebrations for Sri Lanka's 50 years of independence.

Soldiers with machine guns watched city streets and hundreds of new checkpoints have sprung up as part of the intense security for the celebrations Wednesday. The event was shifted here from

Kandy after a bomb blast there last week killed 16 people. Sri Lanka blamed the separatist Tamil Tigers for the attack.

North Korean Defects

SEOUL - A officer from the

Defense Ministry said.

Captain Byun Yong Kwan, 27, armed with a pistol, walked across the border at Panmunjom, the first North Korean soldier to defect through the village in the demilitarized zone separating the two countries.

North Korea demanded Captain Byun's return, arguing that he accidentally crossed the border, the news agency Yonhap said.

35 Hurt in Protest Of Killing of Hindus

JAMMU, India - Hundreds of demonstrators angered at the massacre of 23 Hindu villagers in northern India clashed Tuesday with police officers who fired tear gas to stop their

At least 35 people, including sev-North Korean Army defected to South eral police officers, were wounded.

Korea on Tuesday, the South Korean and 300 people were detained, the police said.

The protest followed a Jan. 25 massacre of 23 Hindus by suspected Muslim separatists in Windhama village in Jammu-Kashmir, a state wracked by religious violence. (AP)

U.S. Clergymen Head To China for Talks

WASHINGTON - Three prominent American clergymen are heading for China this weekend for talks with the Chinese about religious free-

Taking part in the talks will be Rabbi Arthur Schneier of the Appeal of Conscience Foundation; Archbishop Theodore McCarrick of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Newark, New Jersey; and the Reverend Don Argue, president of the National Association of Evangelicals.

Crash Toll of 104 Feared

Plane, but No Survivors, Found in Philippines

CLAVERIA. Philippines — Heli-copter pilots said Tuesday they saw no signs of survivors in the wreckage of a DC-9 aircraft with 104 people aboard. Search helicopters found the wreck-

age of the Cebu Pacific Air jetliner near the summit of Mount Sumagaya, about 45 kilometers (28 miles) northeast of the plane's destination.

The flight originated in Manila and was supposed to land Monday morning in Cagayan de Oro on the southern Philippine island of Mindanao. In his last radio call, 15 minutes before the scheduled landing, the pilot gave no indication of trouble, officials said.

Cebu Pacific initially announced Tuesday that at least 15 people had survived, quoting the mayor of Claveria, who reported that villagers had spot-ted people at the crash site. But the mayor later said he was unable to confirm that any people were still alive.

'No survivor has been rescued.' Mayor Antonio Calingin said.

Rescue helicopters were unable to land near the remote site because of the steep slope, and strong winds forced

them to withdraw.

'We did not see any big portion of the plane, and we assume that it exploded," said Colonel Jacinto Ligot, commander of the rescue effort. "We saw debris, but we did not see any moving human beings or any people around.

Ground rescue teams were forced to halt for the night after they were unable to find the wreckage in the jungle. Colonel Ligot said.

He said helicopters would try Wed-nesday to drop smoke bombs to guide rescuers to the site.

Air transportation officials said Tuesday the airplane was making a visual. not instrument, landing when it crashed because it had made an unscheduled stop at another airport to drop off a mechanic and supplies and therefore was not on a normal flight path.

The plane was carrying 99 passengers and five crew members when it disappeared. Among the foreigners on the plane were a Japanese, a Swiss and an Austrian, airline officials said.

Indonesian Towns Calm After Riots Are Quelled

JAKARTA - Conditions in the East Java town of Pasuruan and in the city of Ujung Pandang on Sulawesi Island returned to normal Tuesday after two separate riots left a number of shops dam-

Police were patrolling the streets in Ujung Pandang, where hundreds of people protesting higher prices hurled stones Monday at stores in a grocery

Nothing happened today, but police in full gear were seen patrolling the town. apparently fearing a reoccurrence of last year's riot," a local official said. Ujung Pandang, 1,400 kilometers (875

by anti-Chinese rioting in September, in which five people were killed. Analysts warn that social unrest could increase as the painful effects of Indone-

miles) northeast of Jakarta, was shaken

sia's current economic crisis are felt. Unemployment and inflation are rising following a dramatic drop in the value of the currency, the rupiah. Austerity measures, enacted by the government under an International Monetary Fund economic rescue plan, are

adding to the discontent.

Ethnic Chinese - who make up only percent of Indonesia's population of 202 million but dominate commerce are often targeted in civil unrest.

In Pasuruan, about 750 kilometers east of Jakarta, soldiers and police had the situation under control, according to an East Java military spokesman, Lieutenant Colonel Subagyo. He told the official Antara press

agency that at least 30 people were being detained for questioning. On Monday, about 400 people demonstrated in a marketplace against increases in kerosene prices, hurling rocks at some shops before being dispersed.

The protest followed three days of rioting in Tuban, another East Java town, about 100 kilometers northwest of Pasuruan, in which more than 130 ople were arrested.

News reports Tuesday said that the price of kerosene, commonly used to fuel cooking stoves, had doubled in some parts of the country, including Madura land in East Java and Kalimantan.

A separate protest took place Sunday Donggala, on Sulawesi Island, about 500 kilometers northeast of Jakarta. At least two protesters were detained.



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Beijing's Ban on Overflight Blocks Balloon Record

GENEVA — A European team's dream of circling the globe nonstop in a balloon appeared dashed by China's re-fusal of overflight rights Tuesday, but team members were still hoping that Beijing would relent.

The Breitling Orbiter 2 control center said chances of making the historic global circuit were "zero" without a

Chinese change of heart. The Breitling Orbiter 2 will not be

able to complete its nonstop around-theworld if it is not allowed to pass through Chinese airspace," the control center at Geneva airport said.

"We'll make our decision tomorrow at the Swiss aeronaut and psychiatrist Bertrand Piccard, 39, said Tuesday. "We've got no reason to land as long as we encounter good winds and still move forward.

The balloon hovered over northern India at a height of 2,500 meters (8,200 feet) late Tuesday as the crew clung to the hope that Beijing would drop its objections that the balloon was a risk to other aircraft. However, the Breitling center conceded that a Chinese change

of mind was "improbable." Organizers said the balloon would not have enough fuel to cross the Pacific Ocean if it had to take a longer route to avoid China.

The balloonists had hoped to take advantage of rapid jet-stream winds that would have swept the balloon across southern China to the Pacific. This would have enabled them to reach California in four days and North Africa - their planned finish line --- in seven days.

But Chinese authorities said commercial and military aircraft used the jet stream and that air traffic was heavy because of the Lunar New Year holiday, according to diplomats.

They cannot guarantee the security of the balloon and the security of civilian air traffic," an official at the Swiss Embassy in Beijing said. The current flight is the 14th attempt

to circumnavigate the globe by balloon. The British tycoon Richard Branson is expected to make another bid from Morocco sooil

Mr. Piccard, the Belgian pilot Wirn Verstracten and the British flight engineer Andrew Elson received congratulations from the U.S. balloonist Steve Fossett for having surpassed his world endurance record.

They passed his mark of 6 days, 2 hours and 44 minutes, although the American businessman went three times as far — 16,000 kilometers (10,000 miles) — in his Solo Spirit.

The ground crew at Geneva's Cointin Airport broke out champagne at the news. "It's the icing on the cake, but unfortunately, we haven't got the cake," Mr. Piccard said.

Alan Noble, the Breitling flight director, said his crew had "taken longer to cover some 3,000 miles than Fossett took to do 10,000." He said that was "an indication of how slow and cruel the winds have been."

The team could still pick up the jet stream if China gave the go-ahead to overfly its territory by midday Wed-

nesday.
"Practically speaking, once the jet stream slips away, the flight will call itself off," Mr. Noble said.

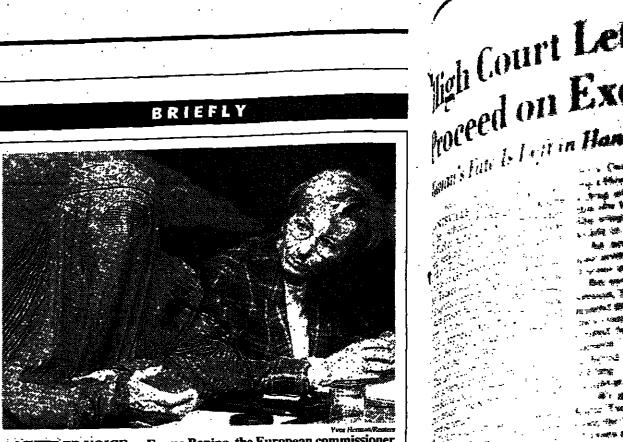
"Even if the permission comes through, at this late stage it may be too late for the balloon to climb up and use

the jet stream winds.
"We are hanging by one slender thread at the moment.

If Beijing maintains its refusal, the balloon will have to change course over Asia — missing the speedy jet stream essential to the bid's success. Options included continuing south to

Burma, Laos and Vietnam so as to circurnvent China or landing in India or Bangladesh sometime late Wednesday or Thursday. The Orbiter lifted off from Chateau d'Oex, Switzerland, last Wednesday

and had flown 5,819 kilometers by midday Tuesday, according to Mr. Noble. It has enough kerosene to fly for a few days, although some 600 liters (158 gallons) were inexplicably lost early in the flight, he added. (Reuters, AP) BRIEFLY



A MUFFLED VOICE — Emma Bonino, the European commissioner for humanitarian affairs, listening Tuesday to an Afghan woman at a Brussels news conference. The woman, speaking on condition of anonymity, denounced the Taleban regime as repressive to women.

Allies Press Muslims To Reopen Sarajevo

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina - The United States and its allies turned the heat on Muslims on Tuesday to force them to reopen Sarajevo

to other ethnic groups.

In a draft declaration of the Sarajevo Returns Conference, organ-izers insisted that at least 20,000 Serbian and Croatian refugees be allowed to resettle in the city this year. The draft was to be voted on late in the

day. Sarajevo must be "truly multieth-

nic," the draft said.
Its blunt language reflected frustration at what international officials see as Muslim foot-dragging on refugee returns.

Mad Cow' Cases Fall

LONDON - "Mad cow" disease has peaked and the number of cases in Britain is falling fast, a leading government adviser reported Tuesday.

John Pattison, chairman of the Spongiform Encephalopathy Advisory Committee, told an annual meeting of the National Farmers' Union there was hope that the situation would continue to improve.

Mr. Pattison said that 4,197 animals were infected last year with the disease, bovine spongiform encephalopathy. According to the Agricul-

ture Ministry, 8,016 cases had been recorded in 1996. For 1999, Mr. Pattison said he exWilliam I. Leit in Han

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pected a further decline to 641, with 235 cases by 2000. A Victory for Simitis

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ATHENS - Prime Minister Costas Simitis emerged Tuesday relatively unscathed and perhaps even strengthened from a parliamentary fight over state spending, while his

opponents appeared in disarray. Mr. Simitis's government pushed through a law aimed at slashing pay and benefits for Greek public servants, despite opposition from some in the prime minister's Panhellenic Socialist Movement and pressure from union-led strikes.

Parliament voted 142 to 121 in favor of the law. (Reuters)

Less Nuclear Power?

PARIS — The government's decision to dismantle France's Superphenix nuclear reactor, represents the first breach in official support for a nuclear industry long perceived as too secretive and a law unto itself.

Following its announcement Monday to close the plant, the government said it still favored nuclear power as a guarantee of an "independent energy supply" but more emphasis would go into developing alternative, "green' energy sources.

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Woman's Fate Is Left in Hands of Governor HUNTSVILLE. Texas — Hours be-

High Court Lets Texas

Proceed on Execution

denied on Tuesday, leaving her fate in the hands of Governor George Bush.

Ms. Tucker was to be put to death by lethal injection after 6 P.M. local time at the state prison here for a 1983 double murder. Unless the Texas governor granted a reprieve, Ms. Tucker would become the first woman executed in Texas since the Civil War.

The application for stay of execution of sentence of death presented to Justice Scalia and by him referred to the court is denied," the Supreme Court said in a brief statement.

Ms. Tucker's lawyers said a reprieve was unlikely. Last year, 37 men were executed in Texas without intervention from Governor Bush, who is considered a possible Republican presidential can-

"Texas has no mercy," said her at-torney, David Botsford. "The clemency process in this state is a farce."

Waly Bacre Ndiaye of Senegal, a UN specialist on summary and arbitrary executions, sent an "urgent appeal" on numanitarian grounds to Texas authorities to spare the convicted murderer.

"It is simply a humanitarian appeal," said John Mills, a UN human rights

Ms. Tucker was calm after a restful night Monday and increasingly resigned to her apparent fate, said Larry Todd, a spokesman for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

"She continues to say she's right with her lord," Mr. Todd said. Ms. Tucker, 38, received the death penalty for the 1983 pickax murders of

Jerry Dean and Deborah Thornton during a Houston burglary. She said she was fore her scheduled execution. Karla a drug-addled prostitute at the time, but Faye Tucker had a U.S. Supreme Court that she has found Jesus while in prison. appeal seeking to stop her execution She sought to have her sentence reduced to life in prison.

also sentenced to death but died of liver

holding candles and banners saying 'Clinton save Karla Tucker.'

Karla Tucker, who is a different person from the one who committed the murder 15 years ago," said Gaia Rosini, a Rome

anxiety, a prison spokesman said.

At midday, she was to be taken to a

mix of chemicals injected into her arm.

JET: 20 Die as Plane Slices Ski-Lift Line

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tain, near the Austrian and Swiss bor-

Fragments of metal were scattered around the cabin, which had crashed meters away from a densely wooded

Dozens of rescue workers, including Alpine rescue teams, firefighters and police with at least three belicopters, worked for hours around the wreckage, and spokesmen said they were removing and identifying the dead, 11 men and

Weather conditions were calm. The resort, in the lower-level Dolomites, tends to attract local people and families, unlike the more fashionable ski spots like Cortina d'Ampezzo or Courmayeur, though it does have a foreign

rine women.

"We saw and heard a plane flying at a very low level," said Cristina Anto-niazzi, owner of La Cascata hotel, which is near the cable-car lines.

'This is a valley,' she added, 'where airplanes always fly at a low level - too

Prowler, stationed at the U.S. air base in Bosnia. Aviano, about 100 kilometers east of the scene of the accident.

The plane, which had been on a training mission, returned safely and the pilot was unhurt, though the aircraft suffered minor, unspecified damage, a base spokesman said. The EA-6B is a surveillance craft and normally carries a crew of four or five. Base officials were investigating the

case, and had spoken to the pilot. A spokesman said that the pilot was on a solo flight, but that no information on him was immediately available. The U.S. military expresses our

deepest sympathy for all involved," the military said in a statement from Avi-

While most passengers would have died in the fall, the damage was compounded by the huge hook, which weighs several tons, holding the car to the cable.

When that falls, it smashes everything," said a spokesman for the carabinieri paramilitary police.

The hook appeared to have crushed the roof to the floor almost in a "V"

shape at the center of the cabin. The cable car plunged into a part of

Armenian Leader **Quits Over Policy in** Nagorno-Karabakh

YEREVAN, Armenia - The Armenian president, Levon Ter-Petrosyan, who has led the country since it gained independence when the Soviet Union collapsed in 1991, said Tuesday that he had resigned under pressure from political opconents.

"I have faced demands to resign," he said in a statement. "Considering that in this situation exercising the president's constitutional powers may cause a serious destabilization of the situation, I accept this demand and announce my

resignation. Mr. Ter-Petrosyan decided to quit his office after a bitter public debate with Prime Minister Robert Kocharyan over policy toward Nagorno-Karabakh, the disputed Armenian-populated enclave in

Azerbaijan. Mr. Ter-Petrosyan has urged concessions in the dispute, saying they could help Armenia repair its devastated economy.

An accomplice, Daniel Garrett, was disease in prison. Because of her sex and religious conversion, her cause attracted support from

around the world, with appeals for clemency coming from Pope John Paul II, the United Nations and the European Parliament. In Rome, demonstrators gathered outside the U.S. Embassy,

We are here to stop the execution of

Ms. Tucker was to spend Tuesday morning saying good-bye to family and friends and gening counseling from a minister and a "trauma team" to ease

cell next to the death chamber and allowed no more visitors. She was to shower and change into the clothing she selected for the execution: a fresh, white prison uniform, the only wardrobe she

has known for 141/2 years. In midafternoon, she was to eat her last meal, which she selected: a banana, sliced peach and salad with ranch or Italian dressing. The prison spokesman said she would be led to the death chamber and strapped on to a gurney at 6 P.M., given a few moments to make a final statement, then put to death by a lethal

the mountainside not used for skiing,

and the police said the crash did not

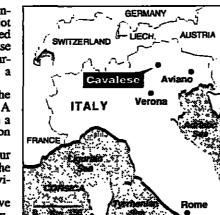
involve people on the ground. The incident drew an immediate politwhich gives the government its majority did not meet then.

in Parliament, renewed its call to close the Aviano base. Other legislators de-manded an end to U.S. military flights over inhabited areas, and punishment for the pilot. The legislature's defense committee summoned the defense minister

necessary to understand what conditions allowed it to happen," the defense undersecretary, Massimo Brutti, told RAL

base in Aviano confirmed that the a president with a pristine public image. Prowier was attached to NATO operations in Bosnia. The plane is part of the Marine Tactical Electronic Warfare Squadron 2, based in Cherry Point, free-lance writer and divorced mother of enough, "she said. "And when times are North Carolina.

The plane was an EA-6B Marine role in NATO intervention efforts in



Aviano is the largest U.S. air base in Italy, with nearly 6,000 military and

civilian personnel. It has played a major (AP, Reuters)



An official of Hands of Cain, an Italian group that opposes capital punishment, protesting Tuesday in Huntsville.

BLAIR: Prime Minister Is Making a Timely Visit to Washington

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makes Mr. Blair clearly uncomfortable. "I do not presume in any way to interfere with the American political process," he said. "I've made clear my support for the president and let me say at once I've never pretended to be any

better or different than anyone else." Mr. Blair looks very much at home after nine months in No. 10 Downing Street, working coatless in a side room off the main entrance corridor with a sofa, a coffee table and no desk. Putting his jacket on, he greets guests or govemment ministers in the cream-colored cabinet room next door with its two fluted white columns at one end and three brass chandeliers spaced along the

It is only five years since Mr. Blair, then the shadow home affairs minister from a party that had lost four straight general elections, went to Washington and witnessed the Democrats prepare for al response. the first inauguration of their invigor-The Refounded Communist Party, ating new leader, Bill Clinton. The two Mr. Blair returned to Britain and a

year later became the leader of Labour with an aggressive agenda to shed its

terests of business and dedicated to cap- chosen as his government companions

as the only party that encouraged opportunity. and his party into office May 1 with a Alah Greenspan, chairman of the Fedmajority of 179 in Parliament. He set out eral Reserve Board, and Robert Rubin, on an ambitious and activist program of secretary of the Treasury, to discuss is-social change and an attempt to settle the sues of the European Union, of which bloody conflict in Northern Ireland that Britain is currently president. has given him the highest job approval

ratings of any British prime minister in

Mr. Clinton added London to his itinerary on a visit to Europe last May, and he and Mr. Blair emerged from a meeting to give a press conference that was much commented on for its quality of mutual admiration. Three months ago, Mrs. Clinton came to Northern Ireland and England with several administration officials and spent a weekend at the official Chequers retreat with Mr. Blair, his wife Cherie, a noted lawyer and parttime judge, and a group of cabinet mem-bers in an extended discussion on common social policy challenges like ju-venile crime, welfare, school class sizes, child care and public health.

A similar trans-Atlantic policy wonk socialist past and turn it into a center-left session has been scheduled in Wash- talk to, are fully 100 percent behind a group willing to lend an ear to the in- ington this Friday, and Mr. Blair has strong relationship with the U.S.

turing the votes of a middle class that for the trip cabinet officers from the previously had seen the Conservatives social policy area. Fresh off the Conas the only party that encouraged opwill meet with Michel Camdessus, head That transformation swept Mr. Blair of the International Monetary Fund;

He will have a long meeting with Mr. Clinton at the White House on Thursday, visit Congress later that day, and be feted at a dinner with a high celebrity count that night. Friday he and the president will hold a press conference and then go to Camp David, where Mr. Blair will join Mr. Clinton in his weekly taped

In the interview Mr. Blair said he saw Britain as a "bridge between the U.S. and Europe" and resisted any suggestion that being perceived as close to America prejudiced Britain's relations with Europe. "It is not just Britain who stands as an

radio broadcast.

American friend," he said. "You scratch beneath the surface of whatever stuff is thrown around from time to time, Europeans I can tell you, the ones that I

GERMANY: New Plan for Jobless

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jobs crisis is sure to remain acute in coming months. Horst Siebert, president of the Kiel Institute on the economy, warned against any hopes of a turnaround this year in the unemployment trend. In hard-hit Eastern Germany, one

of every five adults is unemployed. Despite four years of economic expansion, German unemployment has continued to smash successive monthly records. Deutsche Bank AG and the automaker Adam Opel AG are the latest blue-chip companies to awaken expectations that they will continue the na-

tion's frantic downsizing. Openly borrowing from the French strategy, an ad hoc committee for the jobless in Bielefeld said Tuesday that demonstrations were planned in 73 cities, with the number of cities rising daily. Some demonstrators planned to camp out in sleeping bags in front of

German unemployment offices in order to occupy them when they open. French protesters plan to join their German counterparts in Saarbruecken and Berlin. In Stuttgart, one banner

already dryly congratulates the 5 millionth unemployed German. The government's job plan would expand at the national level a plan already implemented in the Eastern city of

Leipzig, where public jobs are offered to all welfare recipients, Mr. Fink said in an

interview. Germany's cash-strapped govern-ment can bankroll the plan on a tight budget, Mr. Fink argued, because municipalities that shoulder the costs of welfare simply recategorize the same funds as new payroll. Bonn would sub-

sidize administrative costs for local authorities that sign up for the plan. 'If each city or local district found a job for six or seven people, it would create 100,000 jobs each year," Mr.

Fink said. More costly, however, is Mr. Fink's plan to create taxpayer-funded intern-

ships for school graduates. Opposition politicians in the Social Democratic Party, who blame Mr. Kohl for the nation's unemployment, castigate the plan as unrealistic and as a way for Bonn to escape its responsibility for the unemployed by delegating the problem to local municipalities.

Some private economists also lashed out at the latest remedy. Jan Hatzius, an economist at Goldman Sachs & Co. in Frankfurt, said such labor market activism failed to attack the root causes of unemployment, which lie in the tightly regulated structure of the German economy, which politicians have been unwilling to reform.

"We're dismayed by this episode because it is inexplicable, serious, and it is MORES: Support for Clinton Reflects Deep-Seated Changes in Attitudes in the Nation

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Such reports that unfaithful husbands two in Sunrise, Florida. Mr. Clinton has done so much for the country," she Nothing? Clearly, people draw a line said, "more than anyone else in my lifetime. It's the first time I've never felt oppressed by the government. I don't

care who he sleeps with. Of course, scholars of public opinion say, there are always several factors in proval rating, and how much each is weighted depends on the circumstances. For example, George Bush enjoyed tre- and wrong mendous popularity during the Gulf War attention shifted to the economy and his

In the case of Mr. Clinton, many commentators and citizens borrowed the condemn, it seems, comes from the shiftbattle cry from his first presidential campaign, "It's the economy, stupid."

ratings plummeted.

Robert Creedon, a Massachusetts lawyer and state senator, said a cab driver reacting to the scandal the other day told him: "Look, we're the only superpower left on the earth. We've got money in our pockets. Who cares?"

White House lawyers were weighing

hether to instruct Mr. Podesta and the

White House deputy counsel, Bruce

ecutive privilege and refuse to testify

about their discussions with the president,

to be asked whether he knows anything

about a three-page document of "talking

points" that Ms. Lewinsky reportedly

said Mr. Clinton made a sexual advance.

. Time magazine has reported that Ms.

eral times about the Willey matter since

recordings of Ms. Lewinsky bragging

about a sexual relation with the president

Mr. Starr's office has been seeking to

Mr. Lindsey, who may appear before

officials told The Associated Press.

job, but she turned it down.

have not affected people's pocketbooks. "If times aren't good, the president

of concern for those who see an erosion of American moral standards. The Reverend Anthony Brancken, a

Roman Catholic priest in Chicago, said the equation of a president's overall aphe was already worried by the loss of guilt and shame in American culture, the loss of clear distinctions between right Father Brancken asked, "Have we as a

because he was seen as an able military nation become so corrupted that, as long commander, but as soon as it was over, as we get what we want, as long as times are good and the money rolls in, that we don't care what the hell goes on?

Part of the public's unwillingness to ing-sand nature of attitudes toward sexuality. Several voters said they did not condone adultery, but they also used terms like "bad boy" and "rogue" to describe the president — disapproving but tolerant terms. Polls have indicated that among young people and immigrants president of the University of Oklaho-there is genuine bafflement by the fuss. president of the University of Oklaho-ma, said that when he asked his freshman

National Bank of Chicago, said the key Latin America if our standard was that scandal, almost all the students said they AU.S. Air Force spokesman at the air extremely hard to summon up a vision of element in the allegations is that they there should be no extramarital affairs believed Mr. Clinton was lying, and they Committee project that provides services to immigrants in Houston. In Chicago, Scott Helman, 22. recalled that when he was in high school

Diane Swork, economist for the First "We wouldn't have governments in American government class about the

near Columbus, Ohio, students were about what they will accept. But where taught to chant the ways that HIV could they are drawing it in this case is a source be transmitted: "Blood, semen, vaginal secretions, breast milk, blood, semen, vaginal secretions, breast milk ... I can't fathom that anyone my age

would be embarrassed by any of this," Mr. Helman said. Several people interviewed also noted

that questions about Mr. Clinton's sex life had been raised well before he was elected, and so accusations of adultery changed little. 'I think when we elected him, we

knew we were electing a philanderer, said Nathan Kelly, a student at DePaul University in Chicago. If one aspect of the past two weeks

brought the greatest expression of concern, it was the indication of a truly daunting level of national cynicism about the people who run the country. In Norman, Oklahoma, David Boren, the former U.S. senator who is now ma, said that when he asked his freshman

for politicians," said Maria Jimenez, tended to respond, "All politicians are director of an American Friends Service crooks, very few of them tell the truth. few of them are faithful to their spouses, so why not have one who's smart and knows how to get things done?" Mr. Boren said, "The attitude is, we

really don't respect him, but what do you expect from a politician?"
"To me it's deeply disturbing," he

went on, recalling the awe he felt when he saw his first president, Harry Truman. "In times of crisis, times of hardship, a level of trust between the American people and their government, particularly their leader, is an essential element of what's needed in the country. We have passed from anger about what's going on in our political system to cynicism and alienation. And to me, cynicism and alienation

are more frightening than anger."
That cynicism, however, appears to be working in Mr. Clinton's favor.

'Most people feel like we haven't got anybody that's any better to replace him," said Rick Aurit, 47, a school board president in Dodgeville, Wisconsin. "So people are anxious to have this be over. They just want to say: 'All right, he did whatever he did. Now let's move on and get going with life.' "

Also at play, several people said, is the

powerful American respect for privacy. Sex lives are nobody else's business; phone conversations between friends should not be taped; zealous prosecutors are frightening; tidbits about celebrities' lives — including presidents' — taste delectable and despicable all at once. "I do think some of the carre blanche

runs against the grain a bit in this country." said Sidney Milkis, chairman of asked Mr. Stephanopoulos. He was long Lindsey, a close friend of Mr. Clinton's, about to leave for California, her at-ficials by suggesting that the president the politics department at Brandeis University. "In a country so obsessed with rights and protection and government encroachment and privacy, some of this independent counsel's activities turn people off a little bit.

A married woman in rural Illinois, who declined to be named, put it simply: "I don't want people asking questions about the president's sex life because I don't want anyone asking about mine.'

Polls have shown that a strong majority covered too heavily - or at least, that is what they say - and many found much Asked what prosecutors might hope of the coverage irresponsible as well. In view of such skepticism toward the

that they are now casting out to a lot of media, and the universally acknowlpeople who worked on the first floor" of edged dearth of publicly accessible proof the West Wing, near the Oval Office, of any wrongdoing by the president, "just to see what they knew, what they many people say they are withholding knew about the layout, I guess, what we judgment until they have the solid facts. For those who do not want to believe The grand jury heard from another ill of the president, then, there is no

"People have a really strong sense of for six months in Mrs. Currie's office, fairness, that the case hasn't been later told reporters she knew of "no made," said George Edwards 3d, dissaid George Edwards 3d. dicuss the looming confrontation with improper relationship" between the rector of the Center for Presidential Iraq, peace in Bosnia, the Middle East. president and Ms. Lewinsky, or any othStudies at Texas A&M.

Clearly, some of the response reflects North Atlantic Treaty Organization and the grand jury last week, but made no Mr. Clinton's remarkable ability to bounce back from adversity. "If Bill Clinton was the Titanic, the

iceberg would have sunk," said Paul Green, an author of books on Chicago

CLINTON: Former Senior Adviser to the President Testifies Before Federal Grand Jury Nations, Bill Richardson, about a job. Mr. Richardson eventually offered her a

Continued from Page 1

whether Ms. Lewinsky met with Mr. Clinton in the White House as recently as Dec. 28. (Related articles, Page 3)

It was not known what prosecutors close to Mr. Clinton, first as a spokesman during Mr. Clinton's 1992 presidential campaign and later as his spokesman and senior adviser, and his office in the West Wing of the White House was near the Oval Office. But the grand jury later this week, is expected prosecutors had doubts about the testisince leaving the White House to become a television commentator, he has at times criticized the administration.

In another development, Mr. Clinton's attorneys filed a motion Tuesday in co-worker, on Jan. 14. Little Rock, Arkansas, asking the judge in the Paula Jones civil suit to move up the trial date, from May 27 to March 23. The judge, Susan Webber Wright of House aide, Kathleen Willey, who has federal district court, has excluded evidence related to Ms. Lewinsky from the Jones case. Robert Bennett, the pres- Tripp and Mr. Lindsey have spoken sev- tions on Jan. 26. ident's private lawyer, said that news leaks were still creating a situation "that it emerged last summer. Ms. Tripp's tape chael McCurry, said that he expected is threatening to engulf the president and the presidency.

Meanwhile, the White House deputy chief of staff, John Podesta, was subpoenaed to testify later in the week. He approval to expand his inquiry of the reporters that the president would "reapparently will be asked about efforts to president. help Ms. Lewinsky secure a job in New York shortly before she denied, in an gather a broad array of evidence in exaffidavit signed Jan. 7 in the Paula Jones sexual harassment suit against Mr. Clinton, that she and the president had had a sexual relationship.

amining the allegation that Mr. Clinton was involved in a conspiracy to obstruct justice. If Mr. Clinton, or his friend Vernon Jordan Jr. acting at his direction, Officials have said that Betty Currie, tried to influence Ms. Lewinsky's sworn, meet. Mr. Clinton's personal secretary, asked statement in return for a job offer or other compensation, Mr. Starr could as-Mr. Podesta to help Ms. Lewinsky approach the U.S. delegate to the United sert that such a conspiracy existed.

and possibly even with it.

Meanwhile, as Ms. Lewinsky was to invoke at least a partial claim of ex- torney said of the negotiations with Mr. might be subject to impeachment if the Starr for a grant of immunity to Ms. recent allegations were confirmed. Lewinsky, "Generally speaking, we are stalled late last week, reportedly because "proffered" in exchange for immunity from prosecution.

gave Linda Tripp, her erstwhile friend and Indicating that matters were still un-The document suggests that Ms. Tripp. will be working full-time preparing a he said on CNN. "I would see her in the of Americans think the scandal has been testify falsely about Mr. Clinton's relegal defense," which would be needed lationship with another former White only if the immunity talks collapsed. The president has avoided any public

> since he forcefully denied the allega-But the White House spokesman, Miquestions would be asked when Mr. Clinton holds a joint news conference knew about Monica Lewinsky.

iterate what he's already told you." The two leaders are expected to disother U.S.-European issues when they comment afterward.

Such an assertion would not require the subject that any of you ask him proof that Mr. Clinton and Mr. Lewinsky had sexual contacts, which would be Mr. Stephanopoulos's appearance bedifficult to prove without her testimony, fore the grand jury aroused considerable authority the independent counsel has interest. Once one of Mr. Clinton's closest advisers, he enraged White House of-

In a Newsweek magazine article, he where we want to be." Those talks indicated deep doubts. If the allegations were proved, he wrote, then Clinton "shattered the promise he made to the mony Ms. Lewinsky had tentatively public and the people around him." He added, "I don't know whether to be

angry, sad or both." Mr. Stephanopoulos has said that he resolved. Mr. Ginsburg said that "we knew Ms. Lewinsky. "I met her, sure," hallway; she would hang out at the Starbucks," a coffee house near his home.

comment about the Lewinsky matter to learn from him, he said, "My guess is

were cited by the independent counsel. Friday with the visiting British prime
Kenneth Starr, in seeking federal court minister, Tony Blair. He predicted to former white house intern. Caroline reason to force themselves. Self, on Tuesday. Ms. Self, who worked Northern Ireland, the enlargement of the er intern. Mrs. Currie appeared before

Meanwhile, a senior Clinton adviser "That will be a lot of work," Mr. said that administration lawyers were McCurry said. "And the president un- prepared to fight any effort by Mr. Starr derstands that they probably won't be to subpoena Secret Service agents.

EDITORIALS/OPINION

Still Time for Iraq

As in the last fateful hours before the Gulf War began, there is now a brief period when Saddam Hussein can turn away from military confrontation with the United States. By skillfully mixing diplomacy with the threat of force, Bill Clinton is giving the Iraqi leader a last chance to avert a punishing air assault that few Americans are eager to conduct but that most will support. Mr. Clinton should exhaust the diplomatic options before he orders military action to commence. But diplomacy cannot be a code word for indulging Saddam's defiance.

Russia announced a compromise plan on Monday to give UN inspectors ccess to a limited number of the presidential palaces that have been off-limits to them. Baghdad promptly dis-owned the proposal, although some version of it may still be under discussion between Russia and Iraq. Even if Russia and Iraq can agree, the compromise is unacceptable. The inspectors must be free to visit any site where they suspect that weapons of mass destruction are stored or manufactured, including not only all palaces but the buildings in and around presidential compounds. The inspection team believes that many of those buildings may house biological and chemical weapons or records of their production.

The back-and-forth between Iraq and Russia suggests that the formidable American and British air power being assembled in the region has got Saddam's attention. History teaches that he may simply be stalling in hopes that half-measures will divide his opponents and give Iraq a new way to dodge its obligations under the ceasefire resolutions that ended the Gulf War. Russia seems especially susceptible to that gambit.

Still, there is a chance that Saddam will act to avoid a sustained air campaign that is likely to destroy many of

the places he holds most dear. These targets include his many palaces, the Republican Guard bases where his most loyal troops live, and the headquarters and regional offices of the security services that keep his regime in power.

To test his intentions, Washington should see if Russia can influence Iraq to accept unfettered access for inspec-tors. If not, Mr. Clinton should increase the diplomatic pressure with two military actions that stop just short of fullscale warfare. One is to impose a total ban on flights by aircraft in Iraq, extending the no-flight zone that now covers the southern and northern sections of the country. The United States should also block the illicit, lucrative shipment of Iraci oil from Basra through the Guif to the United Arab Emirates.

At the same time, Washington should support a recommendation by Kofi Annan, the UN secretary-general, to more than double legal Iraqi oil sales to buy food and medical supplies for the Iraqi people. This program is carefully supervised by the United Nations to prevent the diversion of oil revenues Saddam or the military.

These steps might produce Iraqi concessions, but even if they do not, they would demonstrate that the United States tried every means possible to budge Saddam before it began a sustained aerial bombardment. It would also make it easier for Mr. Clinton to deflate speculation that he is rushing to war to deflect attention from the Monica Lewinsky case.

Saddam should understand that America is not spoiling for a fight, but is united in its belief that Iraq must not be allowed to maintain an arsenal of chemical and biological weapons. There is still time to avoid a clash. Both Bill Clinton and Saddam Hussein should make the most of it.

THE NEW YORK TIMES.

Flying to Japan

The new U.S.-Japanese aviation pact hailed on Friday by President Bill Clinton as a "landmark agreement" falls short of the full liberalization his administration had set as a goal. But, given Japan's resistance to a true openskies treaty, the pact is not a bad deal. It will pave the way for more airlines to operate more flights from more cities in the United States to Japan.

Given the importance of aviation in today's economy, that is an important step forward. Measured by value, 40 percent of all world trade today goes by air. The passenger and cargo aviation market between Japan and the United States already is worth \$12 billion per year, with a surplus decidedly in the U.S. favor, and it is crucial to hundreds of billions of dollars more.

The market could support far more, but a 1952 treaty governing flights between the two biggest economies in the world (and Japan's restrictive interpretation of that treaty) have acted as brakes on growth. The new agreement should ameliorate, although possibly not solve, that problem.

The pact, reached after more than a year of sporadic negotiation. safeguards U.S. airlines' "beyond rights" - their right to fly from America to Japan and then beyond, to other Asian destinations. Those rights will be crucial to enabling U.S.-Asian connections. The agreement also permits for the first time U.S. and Japanese airlines to form alliances, so that you may soon see United hooking up with ANA, American with JAL and Northwest with the smaller JAS. To the extent that

Japan's inefficient and long-protected airlines hook up with America's more competitive companies, their interests also may shift and their opposition to full and open competition may wane.

Except for a few airlines, the agreement does not allow unlimited flights. as do open-skies treaties that the United States has negotiated with many other countries. But it will permit at least 90 additional round trips per week, including some from U.S. cities that have had no direct flights to Japan.

It does not allow unlimited price

competition, and that will be an area that bears watching. But U.S. negotiators say they have won a commitment from Japan to allow U.S. airlines to lower ticket prices much more freely, something that Japanese bureaucrats until now have not allowed.

They also won additional landing slots at Tokyo's crowded, one-runway Narita airport although whether these will be sufficient, and at sufficiently convenient times, also will have to be monitored.

That Japan would not fully liberalize its market reflects a persistent mentality of regulation and bureaucratic control that belies the recent openmarket rhetoric of Japanese politicians. Still, if it is enforced with something approaching good faith, the agreement promises to be good for most airlines on both sides of the Pacific and, more important, for consumers and traders as well. As so often with Japan, incremental progress is better than none at all.

-THE WASHINGTON POST.

Other Comment

Air Power Isn't Enough

Saddam Hussein does not fear the 300-plus high-technology jets that can rocket into his country and destroy large buildings or hit individual tanks with pinpoint accuracy. What he does fear are a few dozen UN weapons inspectors snooping around him.

The problems in Iraq demonstrate one of the main issues in defense planning for the future: the gap between what advocates say air power can do and what it actually can do.

The advocates promise short wars, with few friendly casualties, that we can all watch be cleanly prosecuted from the comfort of our living rooms. But air dominance was useless to the U.S. Army Rangers killed in the back

alleys of Mogadishu. In Bosnia, although the sustained NATO bombing campaign helped, it

was a successful Croatian ground offensive in Krajina and economic pressure that forced the Serbs to the table at Dayton. Now it is the tens of thousands of American and NATO ground troops who are ensuring the peace in Bosnia, not the planes that fly over it.

In Iraq, if Saddam continues to push us, we should bomb him. Our planes will do a superb job of destroying targets, and after a sustained campaign he may open up to inspections again. We should not fool ourselves into thinking that this will be the end, however. After a period of time of his choosing, we will have to face him again. The main purpose of military force is to influence an opponent's will, and air power alone has proved unable to do that.

- Joseph C. Cyrulik, a research analyst at the Center for Strategic and International Studies, commenting in The Washington Post.

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If America, Japan and China Do the Right Thing

ZURICH — It is Oct. 29, 1998. World stock markets crashed to record lows today, setting off what eco-nomists are calling "the Millennium Depression." The meltdown was triggered by the collapse of the Brazilian, Argentine, Russian, Indonesian, Mexican and Czech stock markets.

These peripheral markets were dragged down after another devaluation by China made Chinese products so cheap that everyone else in Asia had to devalue again, and other emerging markets could no longer compete. In Tokyo, the entire senior staff of the Ministry of Finance was arrested and

Their failure to stimulate growth, so that Japan could absorb more of Asia's exports, resulted in all these goods flooding the United States instead, creating a record U.S. trade deficit and prompting Congress to pass the Smoot-Hawley-Gephardt Protectionist Act.

charged with incompetence.

Far-fetched, I know, particularly when Asian markets seem to be bouncing back. But be careful. In the next w months China, Japan and the United States, the three main engines of By Thomas L. Friedman

the global economy, will still need to make some extremely tough decisions. How well they do will determine whether the Asian flu is really over or becomes a ragin' contagion.

China was a key factor in unintentionally triggering the Asian meltdown. It devalued its currency in 1993 and 1994. As a result, Thailand, South Korea and Indonesia, whose currencies were pegged around the rising dollar, became much less competitive.

Any of their companies whose cost structure got out of line with that of China got hammered, making it hard for them to repay loans. Since the crash of the Asian currencies, the Thais, Koreans and Indonesians are again much more competitive with China. They are all hoping to export their way out of this crisis the way Mexico did three years ago.

Memo to China: Your economy is slowing, the Shanghai real estate market is slumping, and overseas Chinese are not pouring money in as before. But

don't devalue. Cut interest rates and speed up plans for major infrastructure projects. It will keep your economy growing, maybe with a bit of inflation, but it's better than undercutting your neighbors' chances for recovery.

As for Japan, it is the world's second-largest economy, but it is currently being run by Herbert Hoover Hashimoto. Japan has huge reserves that it could use to absorb imports from the Asian tigers, all of whom are on export-or-die strategies. But Japan's brain-dead leadership has failed to stimulate the Japanese economy. Memo to Japan: Cut taxes deeply.

enough to really put money in the pockets of your consumers. Get your Parliament to pass the proposed \$225 billion package to clean up and restructure your banking system, which is like a walking skeleton spooking everyone in Asia, and open your markets more to Asian exports — now, not in 2005.

As for the United States, the president needs to use his soaring job ap-

proval rating to persuade Congress to make its promised \$17.9 billion deposit to the IMF and to revive the fast-track

West than Sex free trade legislation. This is no time for America to turn inward.

Congress is right to be wary of IMF bailouts, but J.P. Morgan and Deutsche Bank have just announced huge losses on their Asian loans, so the banks are taking a hit. Alan Greenspan could help by cutting interest rates half a percent to signal that what the world eeds now is growth, sweet growth.
In the late 1920s, it was competitive

devaluations among the commodities producers of that early industrial era, and the protectionist responses to them, that made the Great Depression great. Today we are seeing the start of a similar cycle, leading already to a deterioration in the competitive situation of Latin America and Eastern Europe.

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If the U.S., Japan and China do the right thing now, this Asian deflation can be contained, Latin America and Eastern Europe won't be dragged into it and we can have lower global interest rates and higher growth," argues Ken Courtis, an Asian economist for Deutsche Bank. But if they do the wrong thing, there could be real trouble.

The New York Times

A Problem for Beijing: Should It Stand Up for Overseas Chinese?

By Jonathan Mirsky

ONDON - The threat of Large-scale social disorder in Indonesia confronts Beijing with the question: Do overseas Chinese deserve protection?

So far the attacks have been localized, and Indonesian security forces have been able to contain them and restore order. But accusations by Indonesia's Muslim majority that the Chinese are hoarding food and raising prices appear set to intensify as inflation increases and millions of poor people lose their jobs in coming months.

Indonesia has a history of

troubled interethnic relations. Violence against Chinese, who are only 3 percent of a population of 200 million but are perceived to be disproportionately rich, occurs whenever there is an economic crisis.

At present the rupiah has lost much of its value, which makes imports much more expensive

at a time when local production prompting the army headed by of rice and other basic foods has fallen because of one of the worst droughts on record. In 1959, after a rebellion on

By Ross K. Baker

By Dmitri Krushnic

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ident seemed to create a certain utive policy or presidential in-

electricity in the air that made tegrity. In fact, we rarely

Sumatra supported by the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency and Taiwan, Indonesian army commanders, taking advantage of anti-Chinese feelings, seized Chinese businesses. Anti-alien decrees were passed, and Chinese were moved into large towns and cities, leaving their homes and other property open to seizure as well.

Beijing eventually urged thousands of ethnic Chinese in Indonesia, many of whom had never been on the mainland, to 'return'' to China to escape what looked like a pogrom.

In 1965 and 1966 the In-

donesian Communist Party

took part in an attempted coup.

General Suharto to take power. That was followed by a vast witch-hunt against suspected leftists and their sympathizers, in which Chinese and their families were massacred.

The anti-Chinese hysteria spread to Beijing's embassy in Jakarta and Chinese consulates in other parts of Indonesia. In late 1966 a ship arrived from the mainland to take several thousand Chinese to China. In 1967, Red Guards burned Indonesia's embassy in Beijing.

Anti-Chinese attacks on a smaller scale have occurred in the past in Thailand, Burma, Cambodia and the Philippines. Such attacks face Beijing with a difficult choice.

After Mao's death in 1976. sponsorship of revolutionary movements against established

ethnic Chinese abroad that they must regard themselves as citizens of the countries in which they lived and not look Beijing for protection.

But since Deng Xiaoping's conomic reforms to open China to the outside world started in the late 1970s, Beijing has routinely called on Chinese in Southeast Asia to patriots' vest in what is always called

the "mother country." Overseas Chinese, who often take local names while maintaining Chinese customs and ties, have become a major source of investment in China, not only in their ancestral towns and villages but also in large projects in manufacturing, property development and agribusiness. Their contribution has been a significant stimulus to China's modernization.

ceased. It was made clear to in Southeast Asia and Beijing fails to respond with at least official protests, overseas Chinese may feel abandoned. They have always known that they are regarded by Beijing as not wholly Chinese, unlike people in Hong Kong and Taiwan.

Symptoms of the East Asian economic crisis are appearing in China, where banks are in trouble, many state enterprises are losing money and production is falling. More than ever, China needs the continuing support of overseas Chinese. As instability in East Asia deepens, rich ethnic Chinese. who are patriotic but also canny, may be tempted to invest their money elsewhere.

The writer, a former East Asia editor for The Times of London, contributed this comment to the Herald Tribune.

Look How Power Corrupts, and Not Only the Powerful

NEW BRUNSWICK, New Jersey—There is no better illustration of Lord Acton's turn-of-the-century axiom that power tends to corrupt than the sordid spectacle we are now ob-

serving in Washington. Begin with how Monica Lewinsky came to be at the White House. Few readers of this column would be able to secure for a caughter just out of college a job, paid or unpaid, that put her at the threshold of

The principal credential that

BALTIMORE — Shortly before Monica Lewinsky began her White House intern-

ship in 1995, I completed a

four-month internship there.

Since news broke about alle-

gations of a sexual affair be-

tween her and President Bill

Clinton, I have reflected on my

unfolding story seems mislead-

ing. Reports cite sources de-

scribing Ms. Lewinsky as "in-

fatuated" with the president,

"starstruck." Evelyn Lieber-

man, former White House

deputy chief of staff, and other

staffers say they recall her as

suspiciously enthusiastic about

spending time with Mr. Clinton.

They say she "hung around" the

Such accounts suggest that

she was so obsessed with Mr.

Clinton that it is not surprising

that she had romantic fantasies

about him. But the description

of her behavior could fit any

number of young interns. To

varying degrees, the vast majority of White House interns

and volunteers thrived on their

When I first arrived at the

White House, I recall watching

two male interns surreptitiously

climb out of a first-floor window

into the Rose Garden and make a

beeline to the South Lawn, where they pushed their way

through a small crowd of foreign dignitaries to get next to Mr. Clinton. One smiled broadly

while the other intern snapped a

not so candid photo of his pal

I saw interns stand idle in the

corridors, sometimes for more

than an hour, shamelessly wait-

ing to catch a glimpse of "him." Some would come

early and leave late, thinking

that it might improve their

chances; others came during

One female intern stepped in-to a closet so that she could "ac-

cidentally" step out again when

Mr. Clinton was passing, only to

be reprimanded by the president

Leader worship would occa-

sionally cause intern productiv-

ity to wane and result in varying

degrees of embarrassment, but

likely hours for sightings.

for hiding in the closet.

with the commander in chief.

brushes with Mr. Clinton,

West Wing a little too much.

At least one element of the

White House memories.

ment of a New York businessman named Walter Kaye, a friend of her mother, who had contributed lavishly to the Clinton campaign and to the president's legal defense fund.

Anyone who has spent time ton knows dozens of Monica Lewinskys, young Lewinsky. people with varying degrees of

working at the White House

It seemed that because so

many people were starstruck,

the administration had a big

The devotion ran deep. In the

months I was at the White

House, the interns did not pub-

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Before the Supreme Court's

1986 sexual harassment case,

Paula Jones case proves.

pool of hardworking, well-edu-

cated people for unpaid jobs.

very fulfilling.

this young woman appears to connection to someone with have carried was the endorse- deep pockets and a generous deep pockets and a generous White House door.

nected could not dream of the

Job counseling by presiden-

Bill Richardson do not fall building would need to be within the normal realm of hu-cleared through security for man services available to goverament workers.

Even if nothing of an intimate nature took place with the president, Ms. Lewinsky's résumé was scented with the aroma of influence.

That she enjoyed preferential status was evident in her pass to he West Wing House, where the Oval Office is located. Her job was in the

Trafficking in connections in Washington is an equal-opportunity profession. That most of not exclude women and minorities from aspiring to a brush with the powerful and coming away with mementos to impress the less fortunate.

each visit to the White House.

Ms. Lewinsky's pass gave her

access that is normally reserved

for officials at the level of as-

sociate director of the National

Security Council.

Office walls in Washington are so encrusted with autographed photos, presidential proclamations and framed pens used for South Lawn bill-signing that they more nearly resemble grottoes where miracles are anticipated than they do places of business.

Those in high office who distribute the relics and icons assume heroic stature, and no group accords them greater deerence and more undeviating loyalty than their employees and staffers.

Surrounded by loyal subordinates and having within easy reach the courtiers of the capital - the lawyers, directors of friendly interest groups and pugnacious flacks who raily to the imperial defense on the Sunday panel shows — presidents and other powerful people come to think of themselves as ruling by divine right.

Not only that, it is exciting and great fun. Power may corrupt, but it also delights. Absolutely.

The writer, a professor of political science at Rutgers University, contributed this com-

syndicated column. ment to the Los Angeles Times.

1898: Japan 'Stronger' PARIS - [The Herald says in

an Editorial: We publish an important interview with the Marquis Ito, who was recently recalled to the Premiership of Japan. The Prime Minister told that his government "is prepared to safeguard Japanese interests by whatever means may be required by the event." Regarding the proposal for further increase of the navy, he de-clared: "We would not hesitate to make the necessary sacrifices if the circumstances demanded it. I would like you to inspect Japan's fleet and see how well disciplined it is. We are stronger than ever before."

1923: Pricey Sausages

BERLIN - A Berlin butcher who six months ago rented a room in which to store the fursuit to be relieved of the ex- sonable period," a note said.

orbitant sum charged by the landlady. He has been paying one pair of Wiener sausag monthly and now claims that the price is beyond reason. The butcher greatly enjoyed the joke when the landlady demanded payment in kind when the contract was made in lieu of cash. which figured at 14 marks. Now the price of two sausages is about 2,500 marks.

1948: Romania Arrests LONDON - Britain formally

accused the Communist-dominated Romanian government of suppressing opposition parties. arresting opponents on illegal charges and violating the "fundamental freedom" terms of its peace treaty. "Illegal arrests still continue on charges of economic sabotage and Fascist activities, or even without a specific charge, and these are rarely niture of his daughter has filed followed by trial within a rea-

Meritor v. Vinson, "sex" dis-crimination under Title VII of him and smear the prophet government must further the Civil Rights Act of 1964 coarsen American life. This is meant equal pay for equal work. already apparent in the emerand equal job opportunity. gence of a significant portion of IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

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The Meritor opinion expan-ded the meaning of "discrim-ination" to include two types of sexual harassment. A plaintiff could claim that there was quid pro quo harassment, or that the workplace was a "hostile environment," which can cover things as diverse as inappro-

priate touching and dirty jokes. The lawyers for Mrs. Jones correctly argue that "systematically granting" jobs, raises and promotions to women who agree to sex with the boss discriminates against women in the workplace who don't.

Whether the accused actually did what he or she is accused of is beside the point. The civil rights laws have been interpreted to allow a woman like Mrs. Jones to file suit based on her allegations alone, which then allows her to depose the president and other women

If we want to keep sex private, and if we believe that what consenting adults do in their free time is none of our business, then we must amend

about their sex lives.

disposition toward politicians. Talent alone gets very few young people a foot in the But even the most favored of these protégés of the well-con-

discussed politics. We tended to

dwell on stories of how we had

bumped into him in the hall, or

The chance to tell your

friends that you had seen the

president jogging or that he had

patted you on the shoulder or

that you had received a Christ-

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sbake his hand.

talent whose most conspicuous tial crony Vernon Jordan and an Executive Office Building next qualification for the job is a interview with UN Ambassador door. An intern assigned to that

Young Lewinsky Starstruck? It's Par for the Course

the stuff that White House intern dreams are made of. If Monica Lewinsky had not seemed like a starstruck, infatuated stalker who hung around the West Wing every chance she got, it would be fair to say actually got an opportunity to that her behavior in the White

House was suspicious.

mas card from the first family is

The writer, a recent graduate of the University of Chicago. contributed this comment to

Bathsheba and sent her husband

off to be killed in battle, the

prophet Nathan confronted the

king. This led David to confess

his sins and repent. Today, Dav-

id would have hired a good

criminal defense attorney and

used his palace staff to spin for

— Cal Thomas, in a

Sex Sneaked Out of the Closet to Shock Some Americans WHEN King David com-mitted adultery with Title VII to no longer prohibit "sex" or "sexual overtures,"

guage of Title VII. - Richard Dooling, lawyer and novelist, commenting in The New York Times. TAVING vulgarians like the HClintons conspicuous in

the public that almost preens about supporting the Clintons because of the vulgarity beneath their pantomime of domesticity. Call this portion of the public the Europhile constituency. Europe says: Grow up, Americans. Your quaint, ridicu-

lous political sensibility, reflecting residual puritanism, prevents mature acceptance of this fallen world's naughtiness. To which this riposte is apposite: Europe's political sens-

ibility, sometimes called "real-

time?), was no impediment to

the emergence of Lenin, Stalin,

(Do the trains run on

Mussolini, Franco and Hitler. So spare us your tutorials on political sophistication. Bill Clinton has caused a pain he does not feel: the sense millions of Americans have that something precious has been vandalized. The question is, Who should come next, to scrub from a revered institution the

stain of the vulgarians? - George F. Will, in a syndicated column.

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OPINION/LETTERS

Sorry, the Real Scandal Here Is Not About Sex but the Law

By Richard Cohen

DAVOS, Switzerland — One of the risks of foreign travel for an American How terrific! He nowadays is having to endure lectures from Europeans and others about how, Mon-

sieur, you Yanks are all hung up over sex. At a single luncheon discussion here at the World Economic Forum, other Americans and I were berated by a Frenchman, an Israeli and, would you believe, a Brit. I replied, pointing to the president's popularity polls, that I did not know what country they were talking about.

Indeed, America seems to have out-Frenched even the French when it comes have my problems with anti-media to nonchalance regarding whether President Bill Clinton had a sexual relation-

ship with Monica Lewinsky. By the weekend, news had reached this Alpine village that Mr. Clinton had achieved his highest-ever approval ratings. The Washington Post, in a representative finding, gave him a 67.

The polling data sent some of the many American politicians here into fits of head-scratching. One said that if the numbers were correct then he did not know his country at all. Another pronounced them irrelevant, of no long-term meaning.

I come down somewhere in the middle. I think the polling data mean quite a bit but may be irrelevant to the outcome.

For those of us made more and more uncomfortable in recent years about politicians - indeed, public figures of all kinds -- being held accountable for their private lives, the polls suggest we have picked up quite a few allies.

A Time magazine poll, for instance, reports that 61 percent of respondents would not want President Clinton to resign simply because he had had an affair Starr's methods and, of course, a general

Mr. Gibson should be congratulated

for having had the courage to point

out that the artist Bruce Nauman in-

deed has no clothes and that today's

museum nomenklatura persists in put-

ting on shows of contemporary art

that are, more often than not, obscur-

How terrific! Here are landslide majorities of Americans distinguishing between private affairs and public ones and possibly, concluding that not every sexual relationship in the workplace amounts to harassment. Still, we would all have to be terminally naive not to appreciate what any White House intern must --- that just saying "yes" might be a good career

What's more, the public is giving the media a bit of a thrashing. Normally, I pogroms, but in this case some of us journalists had it coming. The very Time magazine I cited for its polling essentially quoted street language in its reportage that I thought I would never see in a mainstream American publication.

Time magazine, though, is not alone. Many a news organization crossed a line of decency or journalistic fair practice. As is its wont, the public uses the term "meto castigate us all - the good, the bad and the mediocre. At any rate, some 72 percent of Time's respondents thought the media had gone too far on this story.

I cheer also at the American public's evident unease over Ken Starr's long march through endless Arkansas real estate shenanigans which culminated -- if, indeed, it has culminated at all - in the current investigation of the president. Sixty percent of Time's respondents do not like Mr. Starr poking around in President Clinton's sexual life.

So it seems that Mr. Clinton's high standing in the polls is composed of an anti-media backlash, a repugnance at Mr.



desire not to rock the boat. After all, unemployment is down, the stock market is up and the budget is balanced. All seems right with the world.

In time, though, these factors will come to seem less and less important. When that happens, Americans may be forced to concentrate on the basic matter of honesty - whether Mr. Clinton lied first in his deposition given to Paula Jones's lawyers and, second, to the American people.

That heated assertion of innocence -"I did not have sexual relations with that woman, Miss Lewinsky" - was a moment after which nothing can ever be the same. It had better be the truth.

More important is the matter of the law.

Citizens, especially presidents, cannot take it upon themselves to decide which laws they will honor and which they will break. Whatever the reason for a lie, if it is perjury then it cannot be easily dismissed. For a president, it is a violation of his oath, a secular sin.

This is where, privately and individually, the sneering Europeans said they understood. America is a nation of laws, not men. This is what has long made America different from other nations. The real scandal of the present scandal is how it is still misperceived. It is no longer about sex. It is about law.

The Washington Post.

No Carts on the Course If Golf Is for Athletes

By Tom Kite

day to decide whether a golfer afflicted with a circulatory disease should be allowed to use a motorized cart to compete in PGA Tour and Nike Tour events.

The golfer, Casey Martin, a very talented young player, ar-

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gues that, under the Americans With Disabilities Act, he should be exempt from the rule that players must walk the course.

From what I understand, Casey Martin is a fine young gentleman. I have not met him personally or played golf with him, and I do not know the finer points of the law. But I do know something about competitive golf, having played the sport for more than 25 years on the Professional Golfers Associ-

ation of America Tour.

It seems to me that those who support Mr. Martin's right to use a cart are ignoring the fact that we are talking about a competitive sport. We are not talking about allowing someone to use a cart for a casual game of golf on a week-end. We are talking about an athletic event. And anyone who doesn't think professional golf is an athletic sport simply has not been there or done that.

Two weeks ago, Emmitt Smith and Marcus Allen, two of the best football running backs of all time and both excellent athletes, played in my group at the Bob

ton's defense is now revealed. If I un-

derstand the president's advisers cor-

rectly, the line is: He did nothing. And

anyway, no one thinks it's so bad. And

American Democracy in Danger," Opin-

ion. Jan. 31) and other sourpusses

should relax and enjoy the show a bit more. Act I has been most enter-

Personally, I think it's great for Mr.

Clinton to make love, not war.

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William Pfaff ("Sex, Nihilism and

besides, she loved it!

USTIN, Texas - A federal Hope Chrysler Classic golf tour-A Court began hearings Monour fourth consecutive competitive round, Marcus said to me: "Man, I am beat I've used muscles I don't normally use, and I'm just beat.'

Emmitt said he was also tired. And we were playing one of the easiest walking courses on the tour in ideal weather conditions.

Play 36 holes in the heat of the Ryder Cup competition, or walk up the 17th hole at Castle Pines Golf Club in Colorado or play 18 holes at the Tournament Players Club at Southwind in Memphis in July - and then tell me that physical conditioning isn't part of

competitive golf.

How much of an advantage is there in having a cart? It would vary from one week to another and one course to another, so there is no way to keep a level playing field without changing the fundamental nature of the competition.

I have to work harder every year to stay competitive, but I would not think about asking for a cart. No one could have benefited more from using a cart than Ben Hogan, who won the United States Open in 1950 after recovering from injuries sustained in a car crash, even though every step he took was a painful ordeal. Mr. Hogan is considered perhaps the greatest shotmaker the game has ever seen, but he knew that shotmaking is only part of the game.

The mental, physical and emotional aspects of the sport are closely linked. Fatigue can cause loss of concentration, which can cause poor shot selection, which can cause poor shotmaking, which can cause stress, which can cause more loss of concentration. I have seen a lot of tournaments over the years that were won or lost on the last few holes, when you have to be sharp mentally. physically and emotionally.

No matter how much some may be rooting for Casey Martin and how much we sympathize with his disability, we cannot change an integral aspect of our sport for any one person.

The writer has been a professional golfer since 1972 and has won more than 20 events on the PGA Tour, including the 1992 U.S. Open. He contributed this comment to The New York Times.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Art and the Emperor line you are out on your derrière before you can say "Marcel Duchamp." Regarding "Bruce Nauman: Neon Wordplay Is Not Enough" (Art. Jan. 17) Have trouble getting to sleep at night? by Michael Gibson:

Read a French art magazine.

RAFAEL MAHDAVI. Paris.

It was pleasing to read the same thoughts that I have been grumbling to my wife and friends for many years.

It is not necessary to be ignorant or reactionary to say that Mr. Nauman's antist, boring, intimidating and justified works are pretentious and banal. All that only by academic, postmodernist is required is confidence in one's own I have lived in France for 20-odd years Why people of taste and culture should

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am pleased that critics like Mr. Gibson have the courage to rethink the question of what art is and to say aloud that the emperor's rear is out in the breeze (and, I earnestly hope, turning

DAVID WURTZEL San Pancrazio, Italy.

Washington Drama

I am writing to express my concern and dismay regarding the current scandal involving the president of the United

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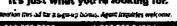
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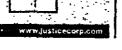
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From left, Mark Milhofer, Alfonso Echeverria and Markus Werba in the opening scene of "Cosi fan tutte."

Strehler and the Nuovo Piccolo A Director's Farewell and a Step Into the Future

By David Stevens International Herald Tribune

ILAN — Barely a month after Giorgio Strehler's death. Mozart's "Cosi fan Ltutte'' has opened the Nuovo Piccolo Teatro in a production he conceived but was unable to finish, in the new theater whose completion dragged on so long he hardly had a chance to use it. In one sense it is Strehler's farewell, but this production is also the opening shot of "Project 2000," a program he conceived for carrying the theater's work into the next century and in three houses — the new and old ones, and the studio theater across the street from the new one.

The new theater, designed by Marco Zanuso, is a free-standing structure at the edge of the Foro Buonaparte, in the shadow of the Castello Sforzesco. Outwardly it is an asymmetrical, vaguely tent-shaped, red-brick building. Inside, it holds almost 1,000 seats on two levels in a red-decorated auditorium as wide as it is deep, plus modern technical and

In a way, this "Cosi" is a completion adequately. The well-matched and mu-

Salzburg, and "Don Giovanni" at La Scala. This "Cosi" is not on the scale of those. The Piccolo is not an opera house, but "Cosi" is not a large-scale work. Strehler also opted for an accent on youth, at least for the two pairs of lovers, and assembled two casts after a far-

flung series of auditions. Ezio Frigerio's stage design opens in a Neapolitan outdoor café with the facade of the Teatro San Carlo on a painted backdrop. When that disappears, the stage becomes an open, lightbathed space defined by a few accessories that are mostly carried on and off, and with sliding walls and door frames that expand or shrink the playing area.

Franca Squarciapino's costumes for the women are white, light and of exquisitely luxurious fabrics, while the two men's imposture as "Albanians" introduces a touch of Oriental color.

The youthfulness of the voices in the four young roles was all to the good, and for the most part they met the sometimes formidable demands of the roles more

of Strehler's long affair with Mozart's sicianly quartet of the performance in question included Ana Rodrigo (Span-"Abduction" and "Magic Flute" in ish) and Lesley Goodman (American) as Fiordiligi and Dorabella, and Mark Milhofer (English) and Markus Werba (Austrian) as Ferrando and Guglielmo. Janet Perry was an agile, matter-of-fact Despina, and Alfonso Echeverria the grungily cynical Don Alfonso.

The 45-member orchestra (also oung) drawn from Milan's Giuseppe Verdi Symphony Orchestra was under the taut and precise direction of Ion Marin, although there were moments when he might have given the singers a little more leeway. The small chorus came from the Civic Music School of Milan, and a number of pupils of Strehler's theater school also took part.

TREHLER conducted rehearsals up to Dec. 23, two days before his death. For the record, this production was presented as "uno spettacolo di Giorgio Strehler," but with ment of the Royal Court. the stage direction attributed in the program to two longtime collaborators, Carlo Battistoni and Marise Flach.

Performances are daily except Mondays and Thursdays through March 10.

A Tale of the Final Betrayal

By Sheridan Morley International Herald Tribune

ONDON - Three or four years ago, the reputation of Kevin Elyot was established almost overnight by his "My Night With Reg," a thoughtful and infinitely touching gay play in which most of the events that mattered happened offstage, while on stage we watched their effect on a group of closely interlinked char-

On the National's Cottesloe stage we now have Elyot's "The Day I Stood Still," which also plays around with the conventions of stagecraft, though now more in the tradition of Priestley's "Dangerous Corner" or Pinter's "Betrayal." In that sense, this is a time play, and once again we have at its center a man unable to connect with life, but equally unable to allow it to pass him by without making the occasional desperate and usually doomed effort to open the doors of his closet.

In this case, he is Horace, wonderfully, uneasily played by Adrian Scarborough, and we follow him from the early 1980s through to the present day and then back to the sixties as gay sensibilities change, but he remains chronically closeted in a curiously English prison of guilt and sheer embarrassment at the demands of his heart and body.

The echoes here range from "Jules et Jim" all the way back to Proust as a long-lost gold chain finally releases the secrets of the past, but in its analysis of the recent rites of gay pride, and of how easy it is to cut off entirely from an ever-changing outside world, "The Day I Stood Still" is a haunting and haunted story of how in the end people always let you down, sometimes by simply dying

at the wrong moment. Elyot's play starts ominously like 'Art," as an intellectual conversation piece about nothing very much, but it rapidly develops into an infinitely funnier, bitchier and sadder play about old friends in a time warp where the world is seen to belong only to those who know precisely where they wish to go

Recollection is reversed, promises are broken, friends are betrayed, but at the last we have a touching and sometimes traumatic account of how we got from the Swinging Sixties to the Egocentric Eighties and of those who died on that long march. In a very strong cast, Scarborough is expertly partnered by Catherine Russell, Geoffrey Church and Oliver Milburn in Ian Rickson's agile and adept production, one that augurs very well indeed for his new manage-

While the Royal Court remains in exile, at the Ambassadors it has a curious new play by Phyllis Nagy. "Never Land" is set in the south of France and concerns two families, one local and desperate to move to Bristol, while the



Sheila Gish in "Never Land" by Phyllis Nagy, directed by Steven Pimlott.

script all too inclined to wander around its own character sketches in search of some really central theme.

Pip Donaghy and Sheila Gish do what they can to keep Steven Pimlott's production on the rails, but the center cannot hold and we are left with an intriguingly ill-matched group, each of whom would rather be someplace else.

If "Never Land" is not about Peter Pan's magical island, just beyond the second star to the right, yond the second star to the right, it is instead about an all-too-real THEATER world in which fascination turns quickly to repulsion and friend-ship to disillusion. In many ways, Nagy's new play is a throwback to those family dra-

mas of the 1950s which used to fill the Haymarket with titles like "A Day by the Sea" or "Waters of the Moon." But where they were infinitely better crafted, Nagy seems happy to let our attention wander around the Menton set watching each character in turn but never really able to care for or about any one of them.

Like "The Day I Stood Still," this too is a play about the failure of people to connect, but where Elyot manages the mood of a social documentary, Nagy is other, perfidious English visitors, first content with a hazily watercolored landpatronize and then betray them in a scape of the British abroad.

And finally at Hampstead, Jessica Townsend's "Terms of Abuse" launches a season of new playwriting with a chilly echo of the Fred West murder trials, written by a first-time playwright who grew up a few streets away from that terrible Gloucester house. But this is in no sense a reconstruction of the case, even though

the themes of child abuse and rape are

central; rather it is about the ethics of selling such stories to gutter journalism, a short, sharp shock of a play that ends all too abruptly but suggests a raw new

All the characters in "Terms of Abuse" live with a curious kind of internal guilt, and they are all familiar; the abused child, the gutter journalist, the dodgy policeman, each of whom discovers in themselves something they would rather have left as well concealed as West's multiple

But Julie-Anne Robinson's production never quite manages to hold it all together, despite powerful performances from Suzan Sylvester and Dermot Crowley; what might have made for a highly dramatic 50 minutes on television seems sprawling even as a short evening in the theater.

BOOKS

INTO THE HOUSE OF THE ANCESTORS:

Inside the New Africa By Karl Maier, 278 pages. \$24.95. John Wiley & Sons. Reviewed by

David Burgess

FOR those who know Africa, and especially for general problems of that trou- Africa-lover's bled continent with a journalist's observations of the ten-jailed Nigerian doctor whose crime was to naively African peoples. urge free elections — and found herself made a chief and her efforts to combine traditional ways with the absorbed into their native needs of a modern society. land in the way that that num-And there is, heartbreakingly. the tale of a taxi driver in Lagos, known locally — and Nigerian," who returned to a Ghana's population at the passenger a bag of money. time? About 12 million.

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In this fine overview of Africa on the brink of the millennium, Maier, who spent most of the decade ending in 1995 in Africa as The Independent of London's those who don't, Karl Maier correspondent, identifies the has written a book of im- complex of problems facing mense charm and insight. He the sub-Saharan part of the leavens passages about the continent and, with an optimism. concludes that all hope has not been entirely lost specific: the travails of an of- mainly because of the extraordinary resilience of the

Maier correctly identifies who has somehow kept his as one of black Africa's optimistic outlook; a Zulu strengths the ties of the exwoman medical doctor who tended family. In what other place, he asks, could 2 million refugees have been reber of Ghanaians disappeared back into their villages after their expulsion by tellingly - as "the honest Nigeria in 1983. And

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Africans: In Central Africa, the genocide in Rwanda. which is the region most affected, the penetration of AIDS is unimaginable by

Western standards. In Zimhahwe, to take a country that is not necessarily the worst hit, up to 40 percent of the sexually active population is HIV-positive, and is doomed. This horrifying percentage includes virtually all of the university-educated class, largely because the cities are the centers of the cide. spread of AIDS. And these seropositive Africans continue to spread the disease.

Maier offers a ray of hope. In Zimbabwe, the need to control AIDS has begotten grass-roots organizations mainly organized by women — to distribute condoms and, most important, make it ac-

ceptable to demand that men use them. As well, traditional healers, who are trusted by most Africans more than doctors trained in Western medicine, are being recruited to the cause of the condom.

MAIER'S references to slavery won't please AIDS may well be the many of the politically correct crowd, as he takes as a given the central role in the trade of the powerful African states - such as Asante and Dahomey — that furnished the slaves to the European buyers by sending armies into their hinterlands to raid vassal tribes for the human harvest. (He oddly refers to the king of Asante as the "Ashantehene," apparently constructing a mongrel word from the correct "Asantehene" and the anglicized name for the kingdom, Ashanti.)

The book is particularly good on the historical back-

greatest long-term menace to ground and consequences of To the extent that the out-

side world can be blamed for the slaughter of the Tutsi by their Hutu neighbors, he puts the blame where it belongs: "France's role in Rwanda may well go down in history as the darkest of any Western nation in Africa since the slave trade" - the French ran guns to the Hutu and gave them political support well after the start of the geno-

Hutu death squad as saying, Even Paul Kagame [leader of the Tutsi army that put an end to the genocide], who was causing all this trouble, was a child when he left the country, so all the children must

Maier quotes a leader of a

This was Hutu policy early on. The Hutu radio station in Kigali, Radio des Milles-Collines, was no less overt in its targeting of children. It broadcast repeatedly: kill big rats, you have to kill little rats.

A quibble: Maier refers to

Nelson Mandela as having been imprisoned for 27 years because he believed that the African majority should enjoy their full democratic rights." Well, not quite. Mandela -- one of the great men of our politically sorry century with an almost saintly forgiveness for his erstwhile opponents — was jailed not for what the thought or said, but for what he did - which was to organize a bombing campaign, an act that he acknowledged at his trial in 1964. That he was arrested before any bombs went off surely saved him from the

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Brecht (Minus the Weill) in Berlin

By Paul Moor ional Herald Tribuni

ERLIN -- "But the emperor hasn't got anything on!" cried the child in Hans Christian Andersen's parable. One must go almost that far about Robert Wilson in "The Ocean Flight," his contribution to Bertolt Brecht's centennial at the Berliner Ensemble, the formerly great company Brecht founded in Berlin's Soviet

Art for art's sake in this stronghold of Marxist-Leninist dialectical materialism? Yet, this production materialized at the behest of Brecht's late disciple (and eventual successor), Heiner Mueller, a leading member of the loval opposition within the German Democratic Republic, which, with the Berlin Wall, collapsed in 1989.

Germany's theaters, as well as critics and audiences, have long indulged Wilson to a mind-boggling extent, but ominous rumblings over this triptych — which gives Brecht primary billing, with sub-billing for Mueller and Dostoyevsky interpolations — may presage a fore-seeable termination of that pampering.

In the Concorde age, one can hardly reconstruct 1927's worldwide delirium

when Charles Lindbergh, 25, became the first pilot to fly the Atlantic. His hero-worshippers included not only Brecht but also Brecht's composer collaborator, Kurt Weill, who even earlier had become fascinated by radio as an exciting new medium.

Together they created the radio parable "The Lindbergh Flight" for narrator, chorus and orchestra. Brecht's 1930 publication of its text acknowledged two coauthors - one of them Weill. With the blessing of Brecht's daughter and heir, Barbara Brecht-Schall, Wilson has outraged Weill's heirs by mutilating the original: He dumped Weill's score and commissioned music for all three parts of this congeries from Hans Peter Kuhn hardly comparable with Weill's.

NE cannot contest Wilson's proclivity for contriving pretty stage pictures, but he has long plagiarized himself: low horizontal and back lighting from wings and upstage, glacial pacing, interminable silences, unidentifiable, incongruously caparisoned personages entering backward to a certain spot, then exiting, contributing nothing to anything.

Stefan Kurt, rotating hands and feet, writhing on the floor, gives a virtuoso

performance as the Lone Eagle - but why (to cite one of Wilson's innumerable chichi affectations) does this German actor sing a song for a German audience, ostensibly by a German poet, in English?

What, except perhaps contemporary
German theater's obligatory nudity, explains the sporadic appearance of a young athlete wearing only a layer of bronze paint? Who is that equally mute little boy, coming and going, now with a walkie-talkie, now with a varicolored computer game?

Kim Kowalke, president of the Manhattan foundation that controls Weill rights, has issued an ominously purring statement: "I am delighted that Barbara Brecht's unilateral withdrawal from the collaboration agreement between Weill and Brecht will allow Weill's music to be used in the future with different lyrics and in different dramatic works.

Weill's music (e.g., "Mack the Knife") has sluiced a fortune into the Brecht heirs' coffers. Realization of Weill's documented dream - replacing Brecht's "Threepenny Opera" text -(among others) for a new adaptation of Beggar's Opera' original would hit Brecht's heirs hard, where it most hurts,

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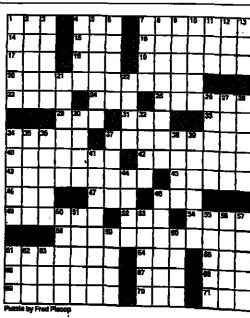
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Publicity photos of the group Daft Punk, which sold more than twice as many disks outside France last year as it did on its home turf.

Local Bands Leapfrog Global Stars on the Charts

By Richard Covington
Special to the Herald Tribune

ANNES - Daft Punk may not have the pedigree of a bottle of Chateau d'Yquem or the cachet of Dior gowns, but these stars of French techno music have climbed the record charts to become France's top-earning musical export last year.

In 1997, when French music sales rose 7 percent to 7.36 billion francs (\$1.2 billion), Daft Punk sold 900,000 albums outside France — earning 77 million francs — out of 1.3 million in total sales, according to SNEP, the

country's society of record producers. In France, Germany, Spain, the Netherlands and elsewhere, local acts are grabbing a larger share of sales than ever before and pushing inter-national — read English-speaking —

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stars further down the charts, according to various recording associations. American and British artists who have dominated global sales for decades are seeing the steady erosion of their audiences, according to the International Federation for the Phonographic In-

Revenue from Spanish-language music has quadrupled in the past five years, for instance, and such European stars as the Italian tenor Andrea Bocelli are making inroads into record charts locally and around the world. The steady growth in homegrown music is all the more impressive against a backdrop of stagnant revenue for the \$50 billion global music business.

This surge in national repertoire is greatly increasing the pressure on in-ternational artists," said William Roedy, president of MTV's international operations.

With an explosion in musical styles, from urban rap to North African rai, techno and world music, the creation of niche listeners devoted to single genres is lessening the appeal of superstars. As the British minister of culture, Chris Smith, said recently at Midem, an international music festival and market held in this Riviera resort city, Europe alone sustains a mindboggling 350 musical genres.

The worldwide superstar has to cross over all genres, and this is becoming harder and harder," said Ahmet Ertegun, the founder of Atlantic Records and a music industry force who nurtured the global profile of per-

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Crux of Asia Crisis: How Strong Are Japan's Banks?

By Sheryl WuDunn New York Times Service

TOKYO - From the stratospheric heights of their boardrooms in glass and steel headquarters far above the narrow streets of Tokyo, Japan's top bankers once gazed with pride on the vast commercial empires they helped build. Now, when they look out, they see mountains of bad debt.

Japanese banks are the biggest on Earth, but they are swaying frighteningly in the Asian financial typhoon. The possibility that a giant Japanese bank might one day come crashing down, sending shock waves around the globe, is a recurring nightmare not just for Japanese bankers but for treasury officials and bank executives around the world.

Is that going to happen? Probably not, bankers and analysts say. But they do not say so with as much confidence as they would like to be able to. When the United States and the International Mon-

etary Fund rushed to bail out South Korea last month, their ultimate concern was less for South Korea than for the potential impact on Japanese and Western

banks if their actions failed. Some Japanese banks are already wobbly because of a crushing burden of bad debts; indeed, the sum of bad debts held by Japan's banks is greater than the value of the entire economy of China, not to mention South Korea.

"It's very unstable," Alicia Ogawa, a managing director and banking analyst at Salomon Brothers Asia Ltd. in Tokyo, said of the financial system in Japan. 'Everyone knows there's a huge shoe that's got to drop. Nobody knows when, who's going to pay and who it's going to land on, so of course everyone's sort

of frozen and trembling in the corner."

For all the worries about Indonesia or South Korea,

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Malaysia Joins the Party Of Rising Stock Markets

But Analysts Predict a Short-Lived Rally

By Thomas Fuller rnational Herald Tribune

KUALA LUMPUR — Malaysia's stock exchange — the world's fourthworst performing market last year joined the regional rally by leaping 23 percent Tuesday, as most other markets held onto their strong gains from Mon-

Currencies in the region also strengthened, with the dollar falling 1.6 percent against the Malaysian ringgit and 3.8 percent against the Thai baht. Many analysts said that while this

week's record stock market gains signaled greater confidence in Asia six months after the onset of its financial crisis, the rally probably would not be sustained as the extent of damage to the region's companies becomes clear.

Analysts also expected continued sharp swings in the market as long as the number of daily transactions remains low — the case through much of the crisis as foreign investors stayed away.

Markets across East Asia stabilized Tuesday following double-digit percent gains the previous day in Bangkok, Hong Kong, Jakarta, Manila and Singapore. Kuala Lumpur missed the buying spree Monday because it was closed. Still, Malaysia's rally took market watchers by surprise.

"I thought there was something wrong with my PC." said an official at the stock exchange, relieved after months of watching an across-the-board selloff of Malaysian shares that had brought the market to record lows.

Market players were not the only ones cheering the Malaysian economy. The World Bank president, James Wolfensohn, said during a visit to Kuala Lumpur on Tuesday that the country had "exhibited admirable economic growth and broadly very good economic management.

He said Malaysia could not be lumped together with other economies in the region such as Indonesia, South Korea and Thailand that have been forced to seek assistance from the International Monetary Fund. "Malaysia will emerge as one of the stronger coun-

Although Malaysia's stock market and currency have suffered sharp declines in recent months, the country's

banking system and corporate sector have not been as seriously affected as those of Thailand and Indonesia. Analysts attribute this to close supervision by Malaysia's central bank and Finance linistry.

The stock rally came days after the downgrading of several Malaysian banks as well as an announcement by the country's largest bank, Malayan Banking Bhd., that its profit had slumped 29 percent in the six months to December.

Investors were undeterred. Maybank shares were up nearly 30 percent Tues-day, closing at 11.90 ringgit.

Overall, investors were not choosy in the stocks they bought, with a total of 825 stocks gaining ground and just 19

Chong Sui San, a manager at Pacific Mutuai Fund told Bloomberg News the rally was a sign that the market had already reached its bottom. "The trend has changed for the better," she said.

'It's a good feeling.' But many analysts said the bad news for Malaysia was yet to come. "The markets are suggesting that we have seen the worst," said Patrick Tan, who helps manage a \$1.2 billion portfolio at Rothschild Asset Management (Singapore) Pte. "I think it's too early to call. It's a gross overreaction. We are taking the opportunity to throw out some stuff

and sit back and wait. Lai Tak Heong, director of research at SocGen-Crosby Research Malaysia Sdn. attributed the rally to investors whose portfolios had been underweighted for Malaysia. "A lot of people are not convinced that it's sustainable,"

■ 16 Accused of Industrial Theft

South Korean prosecutors were reported to have arrested 16 engineers on charges of stealing sophisticated semiconductor manufacturing technology, Bloomberg News said from Seoul.

The engineers were accused of taking technology from Samsung Electronics Co. and LG Semicon Co. for Nan Ya Technology Corp., a Taiwanese microchip maker, the Naeway Newspaper said. The 16 included Kim Hyung lk, an executive of Korea Semiconductor Technology Co., and 15 former and current workers for Samsung and LG.

S&P Index Marks Its Own Millennium

In Its Rush to the 1,000-Point Level, the '500' Outpaces the Dow Industrials

By Floyd Norris New York Times Service

NEW YORK -- With the Standard & Poor's index of 500 stocks rising above 1,000 points this week for the first time. the broad-based index is more than twice

as high as it was just three years ago.

Its new milestone serves as a reminder that for the past year the S&P has been Wall Street's star, drastically outpacing the more widely followed Dow

Jones industrial average.
While the S&P 500, which closed above 1,000 Monday for the first time, advanced further to close Tuesday at 1,006.00, up 4.73 points, the Dow, even after gaining 52.57 to close at 8,160.35, was still almost 100 points shy of its peak of 8,259.31 reached last Aug. 6.

Even as the overall U.S. stock market remains resilient despite worries about Asia, that divergence in performance has both colored perceptions of the market and emphasized the way different types of stocks have reacted to the worries coming out of Asia. The underperformance of the Dow began around the time that Asian worries started to

emerge, a fact that is not coincidental.

The S&P 500 index gives a greater weight to "defensive" stock groups. such as drugs and foods and beverages, that would be hurt less if the economy weakened, said Richard McCabe, chief market analyst for Merrill Lynch & Co. The Dow is not weighted as heavily in the industries that have done the best,"

Those defensive groups have in-

cluded stocks that would seem to have the least to fear from a falloff in Asian purchases and an increase in cheap Asian exports. Drug, telephone, media and entertainment stocks have all done well, while steel, oil and aluminum companies, heavily represented in the

Dow, have been among the laggards. Since the day the Dow peaked, only one-third of the 30 stocks in the industrial average have risen, while twothirds have declined. The strongest performers have been AT&T Corp. and Walt Disney Co., neither of which is in any danger of competition from cheap Asian imports or particularly vulnerable

to the threat of a weak economy. The worst performer in the Dow — Sears, Roebuck & Co. — has its own performance problems that do not relate to Asia. But the others that are down at least 15 percent — Union Carbide Corp., International Paper Co. and Boeing Co. — are either highly sensitive to the economy or in danger of losing sales

to Asian customers. By contrast, according to Bloomberg Financial Markets, 55 percent of the stocks in the S&P 500 have risen over the period. That index has a lower proportion of stocks that have alarmed investors for one reason or another in recent months.

The sharp variance in performance also highlights the fact that no index by itself can provide an accurate measure of the entire market. In fact, the S&P is the standout performer in the past year, compared with almost any other index. The Russell 2000, an index of smaller stocks, for example, peaked in October

and is still 6.6 percent below its high.

In the nine months through the end of January — a period that began just before the first hint of Asian problems emerged, with Thailand declaring war on currency speculators it said were trying to drive down the value of the baht - the S&P 500 rose 22.3 percent, while the Dow industrials gained 12.8 percent. The S&P's outperformance in that period, by

9.5 percentage points, was the greatest over any similar period since 1980. Peter Canelo, an investment strategist with Morgan Stanley, Dean Witter, said the Dow's period of underperformance might have ended with the latest renewal of optimism about an Asian recovery.

He said the period of strong S&P outperformance had coincided with a fall in prices of industrial materials, a measure of worldwide industrial activity. Those prices seem to be stabilizing and,

in some cases, beginning to move up. On the other hand, in an era of static oil prices, energy stocks make up about 8.4 percent of the S&P 500 now, a little less than the 9.6 percent weighting of the three companies in the Dow that have major oil interests: Chevron Corp., Ex-

xon Corp. and DuPont Co. When the S&P first rose above 1,000 Monday, the move also emphasized just how rapid its rise has been in recent years. The index doubled from the 500point level in less than 35 months after taking nearly nine years to go from 250 to 500. An earlier doubling move, from 62.50 to 125, required almost two decades, from Feb. 23, 1961, to Aug. 14, 1980.

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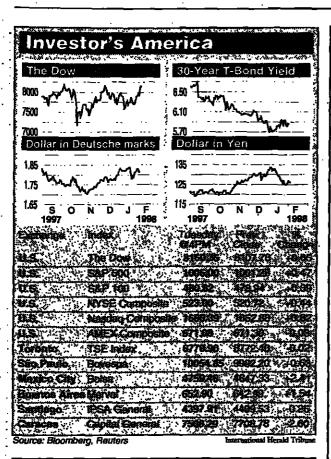
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 The Office of the U.S. Trade Representative and the Commerce Department will establish an agency to monitor the Japanese market for photographic paper and film to ensure equal access for foreign makers, including Eastman Kodak Co.

• Trade Representative Charlene Barshefsky ruled out a trans-Atlantic free-trade agreement but said the United States and European Union were looking to strengthen trade ties. PepsiCo Inc.'s fourth-quarter net profit rose 13-fold, to \$401

million, as the company re-entered Venezuela and cut losses in its international division. Sales rose 3 percent, to \$6.26 billion. Sprint Corp.'s fourth-quarter net profit fell 21 percent, to \$194.9 million, as wide losses in its international and mobile phone ventures offset record revenue in long-distance and local business. Sales rose 8 percent, to \$3.85 billion.

•Clark Clifford, a former presidential adviser, and Robert Altman, a banker, agreed to pay a \$5 million settlement in the 1991 collapse of Bank of Credit & Commerce International, the Federal Reserve System said.

• Cincinnati Bell Inc. agreed to buy an 80 percent stake in AT&T Corp.'s regional communications network for more Bloomberg, AP, Reuters

GM and Amoco Research New Fuel

DETROIT - General Motors Corp. and Amoco Corp. said Tuesday they would develop a diesel fuel that could be used in alternative-power vehicles being considered by GM to reduce pollution and increase fuel efficiency.

The fuel could be used in a GM car that would be powered

by a turbocharged diesel engine and nickel-metal-hybrid batteries. The vehicle is said to be cleaner, more fuel-efficient and quicker than some gas-powered sports cars.

GM has no immediate plans to produce the car, which is one of a family of low-pollution, fuel-efficient vehicles GM has said it could produce beginning around 2001.

Microsoft Wins Legal Skirmish

Law Professor's Role in Antitrust Case Is Put on Hold

By Rajiv Chandrasekaran and Elizabeth Corcoran Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON - A federal appeals court has ruled that a Harvard law professor appointed to study technical issues in the Justice Department's lawsuit against Microsoft Corp. must stop his work until a three-judge panel studies his role in the case more

The ruling, which hands a temporary victory to Microsoft, was issued Monday by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia. The software giant filed its latest legal brief seeking to dismiss the

professor, Lawrence Lessig, on Friday.
Microsoft contended that Mr. Lessig has demonstrated a bias against Microsoft in electronic-mail messages he exchanged with executives at Netscape Communications Corp., a Microsoft rival. Microsoft also argued that the case should be examined by a federal judge, not a law professor.

In less encouraging news for Microsoft, however, attorneys general from 11 states said Monday they had sent subpoenas to the company requesting technical and marketing information about Windows 98, the next version of its computer operating system.

And the software industry's largest trade group plans to take the step of breaking ranks with Microsoft, its biggest member, by issuing a set of guidelines on competition that effectively condemns some of the software giant's business practices and supports the government's antitrust case against the company.

Mr. Lessig, a technology expert, was appointed in December by Judge Thomas Penfield Jackson of U.S. District Court to be a "special master" in the antitrust case, in which the government contends that Mi-

erating system software. Judge Jackson asked Mr. Lessig to study technical issues in the case and

prepare a report for the court by May. In the interim, Judge Jackson issued a preliminary injunction ordering the company to provide a version of Windows 95 without a browser. Last month, in a temporary settlement, the company agreed to let personal computer makers block access to the browser in the current version of Windows 95 while

it appeals Judge Jackson's decision.

The court will hear arguments in the case April 21, when Microsoft will ask that the matter be thrown out of court. Barring that, it will ask that Mr. Lessig be removed and the preliminary injunction be lifted.

"We're very gratified by this decision," said a Microsoft spokesman, Mark Murray. "We felt that given the importance of this case, it should be heard by a federal judge, not by a private citizen.

The appeals court did not indicate why it decided to put Mr. Lessig's examination on hold, which will main in effect until at least April 21.

Mr. Lessig has denied any bias against Microsoft, Mr. Lessig has deduct any our against a saying he did "not have any personal bias or prejudice concerning either of the parties to this case While the Justice Department's case against Microsoft focuses on Windows 95, the state attorneys

general are looking at its successor. Microsoft has said it plans to release Windows 98 in the second quarter. The states involved in the investigation are New York, Connecticut, California, Florida, Illinois, Iowa, Massachusetts, Minnesota, South Carolina, Texas and Wisconsin

Meanwhile, the Software Publishers Association is set to release a set of "competition principles" for the industry that advocates that makers of "dominant" computer operating system software should crosoft is violating a 1995 consent decree by unfairly not use their market power to help distribute other tying its Internet browser to its Windows 95 op- products or limit access to material on the Internet.

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Technology Provides **Momentum to Stocks**

NEW YORK - Stocks rose Tuesday, led by bank and semiconductor shares on expectations that corporate profits will weather Asia's slumping currencies and

slowing economies. The Dow Jones industrial average closed 52.57 points higher, to 8.160.35. The barometer of 30 big companies advanced 201 points Monday to register its first finish above 8,000 since Dec. 9.

The Standard & Poor's 500 Index, which closed above 1,000 Monday for the first time, added 4.73 points to 1.006.00.

Several broad-market indicators surrendered some of Monday's gains, but the Nasdaq composite

U.S. STOCKS

index recovered as bellwether technology issues extended their recent rally. The Nasdaq index, packed with computer-related shares, rose 13.48 points to 1,666.37, led by Intel

and other semiconductor stocks. Intel finished up 31/4 to 86 5/16, Motorola rose 21/2 to 641/8, and Texas Instruments climbed 2 7/16 to 57 15/16.

Technology stocks are continuing a rally that began Jan. 9 as countries such as South Korea, Indonesia and Thailand started to take concrete steps to overhaul their banking systems, increasing bank supervision and disclosure, among other steps. U.S. bond prices rose after a re-

port showed that sales of new homes fell more than expected in December, reinforcing expectations for slower economic growth and subdued inflation.

'We don't see inflation rearing its head," said Mark Anderson, a manager at Renaissance Investment Management in Cincinnati. "We've gotten quite bullish on the bond market." Investors are also optimistic that the Federal Reserve Board will hold interest rates steady at a two-day policy meeting that began Tuesday. The benchmark 30-year Treasury

the yield to 5.86 percent, down from 5.87 percent Monday. The Commerce Department reported that sales of new single-family homes tumbled 9.7 percent in

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December, the sharpest monthly drop in more than two years. The retreat came after a November gain that was the highest in 11 years and still left sales for 1997 at a

Some corporate earnings also

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Whirlpool rose 2 1/16 to 601/4 after the appliance maker said earnings in the three months ended Dec. 31 were \$92 million, up from \$45 million in the like period of 1996. Sales rose 18 percent, to \$2.51 billion.

Mattel rose after it said fourthquarter earnings rose 83 percent, to \$195.1 million, on higher sales of its Barbie dolls and Walt Disney (Bloomberg, AP)

Newbridge Shares Skid as Firm Issues A Profit Warning

OTTAWA - Newbridge Networks Corp.'s stock fell nearly 23 percent Tuesday after the company said its third-quarter profit would not meet analysts' expectations, mostly because of a sharp drop in

sales of phone equipment, which account for a third of its revenue. Newbridge stock tumbled 8.60 Canadian dollars (\$5.92) to 28.90 dollars in late Toronto trading. The profit warning was New-

bridge's first admission that companies such as Cisco Systems Inc. and Tellabs Inc. were winning business away from the phone companies and corporate customers that had powered Newbridge's sales growth.

They missed my revenue expectations by almost 100 million dollars," said Richard Woo, an analyst with Thomson Kernaghan & in Montreal.

Newbridge's stock has dropped 69 percent since touching a record of 95 dollars a share Oct. 7.

The company's profit is expected to be 7 U.S. cents a share in the quarter that ended Saturday, compared with an average forecast of 25 cents a share by 19 analysts polled by IBES International Inc.

Revenue will be 360 million dol-lars, compared with 432.2 million dollars in the second quarter and 333.3 million dollars a year earlier.

Newbridge said the revenue shortfall had stemmed mostly from a "significant" drop in sales of its time division multiplexer equipment, which is used by phone companies to move large amounts of data across networks.

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Bloomberg News

NEW YORK — The dollar fell against the yen and other major curthat Japan may take new steps to revive its economy and amid signs the worst of Asia's financial maelstrom may be ending.

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that slowing economies there will hurt Japan's recovery. In 4 P.M. trading the dollar slipped to 125.90 yen from 126.52

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FOREIGN EXCHANGE

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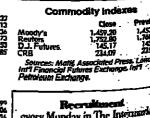
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LONDON — PacifiCorp in-largest electric utility. Eastern ful, Energy Group will become the handshake with Federal Trade Com-John Devaney, its chief executive, tomers northeast of London.

Energy Group is also coveted by two other potential bidders: the Jap-The company, which is based in Corp. and Texas Utilities Co., ananese investment bank Nomura

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U.S. utilities have been drawn by potentially higher returns and the He said the combination of

regulated market as the U.S. market ings in the first year. begins to deregulate. bidders to declare their hand," said

Mr. McLaren. PacifiCorp, which said its offer had been approved by both compa-"The market is clearly expecting nies involved, appears unlikely to PacifiCorp's chief executive, Fred

to U.S. companies since 1995. The ting that its earlier offer will be

He said the combination of the prospect of learning about a less two companies would enhance earn-

A takeover of Energy Group It looks like a full price, but we would create a company with 5 milwill have to wait for the other two lion energy customers on three continents, 17,000 megawatts of generation capacity and 10 billion tons of proven and provable coal reserves, PacifiCorp said.

PacifiCorp, which is being ad-raise capital, "perhaps in 1998," to run into further regulatory hurdles. vised by Goldman, Sachs & Co., enhance its credit quality. said it would ask Derek Bonham,

to join its board. Energy Group's advisers are Morgan Stanley, Dean Witter, Discover & Co. and Lazard Brothers & Co.

PacifiCorp plans to pay £1.2 billion in cash and to raise the remainder of the price through debt agreements with Goldman Sachs,

J.P. Morgan & Co. and Citicorp. Between half and two-thirds of that debt will be converted into bonds later, Mr. Buckman said, adding that the company planned to

(Bloomberg, Reuters, AP)

Argos Rejects Bid Of £1.6 Billion by **Great Universal**

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LONDON — The British catalogue retailer Argos PLC rejected on Tuesday a £1.6 billion (\$2.62 billion) hostile takeover bid from the home-shopping group Great Universal Stores

Argos, once a member of Britain's premier league of retailers, said that the offer of 570 pence for each share failed to recognize the strategic value and future prospects of the

"The board of Argos has formally met and the directors are unanimous in their rejection of the offer," the company said.

A combination of Argos and Great Universal would create a retail group with strong market presence and with capitalization of about £9.5 billion.

The hostile bid carapulted Argos's share price by 187 pence, or 42 percent, to 630 pence. General Universal's share price closed 29 pence at 762 pence. Lord Wolfson of Sunningdale, chairman of

Great Universal, said Argos had agreed with the logic behind a merger but had not approved the price offered. 'When we talked about price, there was a

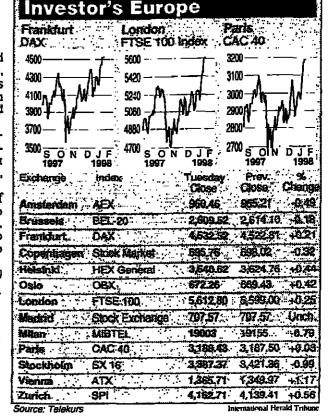
very wide gap," he said. Some analysts described the offer as

pretty generous" but expected Argos to old out for a higher bid.

When asked whether Great Universal would increase the offer, Lord Wolfson said I can't say we are going to bid more and I

can't say we are not going to bid more."

Analysts said the bid reflected a strategy by Lord Wolfson to build a dynamic retailer from a company that previously was a lackluster mail-order concern. (Reuters, AP)



Very briefly:

 Australian Mutual Provident, an Australian-based fundmanagement and insurance company, bid £382 million (\$626.5 million) to take over the British fund-management concern Henderson PLC.

• KLM Royal Dutch Airlines reported a lower-than-expected profit of 46 million guilders (\$22.5 million) for the quarter ended Dec. 31, in contrast to a loss of 7 million guilders

 Daewoo Electronics Co. is to proceed with a 4 billion French franc (\$656 million) investment in eastern France that it froze "indefinitely" last month, said Soon Hoon Bae, the chief executive of Daewoo France.

• French commercial banks, at loggerheads with trade unions over government calls for introduction of a shorter working week, said they were pulling out of a 50-year-old agreement on general pay and conditions in the sector. The commercialbanking association AFB said it wanted a new collective agreement by 2000.

• Union Bank of Switzerland and Swiss Bank Corp. are to be investigated by Swiss cartel authorities over their planned merger. Shareholders of the two banks were to vote Tuesday and Wednesday on the merger. Separately, UBS said the planned merger would result in the elimination of many jobs in London but did not give a figure.

• Lukoil, the Russian oil giant, acquired a majority stake in the Romanian oil refinery Petrotel valued at \$300 million, including investment projects at the plant.

• Unisource NV, a joint venture of the dominant telephone companies in the Netherlands, Sweden and Switzerland, said its 1997 loss narrowed to less than half the 1996 level as sales

• Global One, the French-German-U.S. telecommunications alliance, said it expected revenue to grow 25 percent this

Skid as Firm Issue Lands \$2.6 Billion A Profit Warning Lands \$2.6 Billion U.K. Lottery Chief Is Summoned Government Pressure Mounts on Regulator in Wake of Libel Ruling Compiled by Our Staff From Desputators LONDON - Britain's National Lottery Order From Iberia regulator, under mounting pressure to resign after a damaging libel case, was summoned to meet with a government min-

By John Tagliabue

ROME — Airbus incusine won a major contract Tuesday, as Iberia Air Lines of Spain announced it had ordered 50 of the European announced it had ordered so of the European announced at \$2.6 and \$1.0 and \$1 Sea sea consortium's single-aisle planes, valued at \$2.6

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The orders give a strong boost to Airbus. which has chipped away at the market share of winds use compression of the introducing its main rival, Boeing Co., since introducing the A320 family of short- and medium-range planes about a decade ago.

As a consolation for Boeing, Iberia said it was going ahead with an order originally placed in 1990 for eight medium-range Boeing 757 planes with a total value of about \$400

The Airbus purchases are part of Iberia's effort to renew its fleet after winning approval of \$845 million in government aid to restructure the airline.

Iberia last week reported a 1997 pretax profit of 18.44 billion pesetas (\$120 million), more than six times the amount it earned the year before. The 1996 profit was its first after six consecutive years of losses. The Airbus consortium groups Aerospa-

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LONDON — British Sky Broadcasting Group PLC said Tuesday that rising costs and a slowdown in new subscriptions crimped its first-half profit growth but that it was on track to start a digital television service in June.

ister Tuesday to "discuss how he will take

The regulator, Peter Davis, was called in

by Culture Secretary Chris Smith. The

meeting comes a day after the head of

GTECH Corp., part of the Camelot con-

sortium that runs the British lottery, was

ordered to pay £100,000 (\$164,000) as

compensation to Richard Branson, chair-

Mr. Branson had accused the GTECH

executive, Guy Snowden, of trying to bribe

him to pull out of the race to win the U.K.

National Lottery license in 1994. Camelot,

a group 22.5 percent owned by GTECH, important."

Costs Crimp BSkyB Pretax Profit

BSkyB, whose largest shareholder is Rupert Murdoch's News Corp., posted pretax profit of £128.6 million (\$210.8 million) in its first half, which ended Dec. 31, down 5.1 percent from a year ago. Sales rose 20 percent, to £691.8 million.

The company said profit had declined because of increased costs in sports programming, marketing, joint venture losses and preparations for the digital service.

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Net subscriber growth in the half year fell to 349,000 from 581,000 a year ago and growth in the second half might continue to slow, the company said.

went on to win the seven-year license after

Mr. Snowden sued Mr. Branson for libel,

and Mr. Branson countersued for the al-

legation that he made up the story, winning

his case after a three-week trial. Mr. Bran-

son then called for Mr. Davis to resign. The

High Court had heard evidence that Mr.

Davis knew about the bribe attempt but did

not block Camelot's bid to run the lottery.

prime minister was concerned about how

the hugely popular lottery was perceived

after the libel case. "Tony Blair shares the

concerns expressed by Chris Smith about

the impression given of the lottery during

the Branson case," the spokesman said.

"The strong credibility of the lottery is

A spokesman for Tony Blair said the

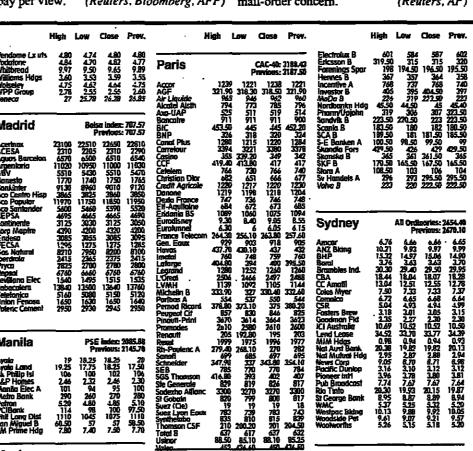
Mr. Branson's not-for-profit bid was re-

jected by the government.

But investors were cheered by the news that the digital service was on track, and BSkyB shares finished up 15 pence at 361 pence.

Digital television offers enhanced picture quality, more channels and scope for on-line services such as home shopping and home BSkyB said it was "in the course of ne-

gotiating with the majority of the major Hollywood film studios to secure the necessary rights for digital terrestrial, multiplexing and pay per view." (Reuters, Bloomberg, AFP)



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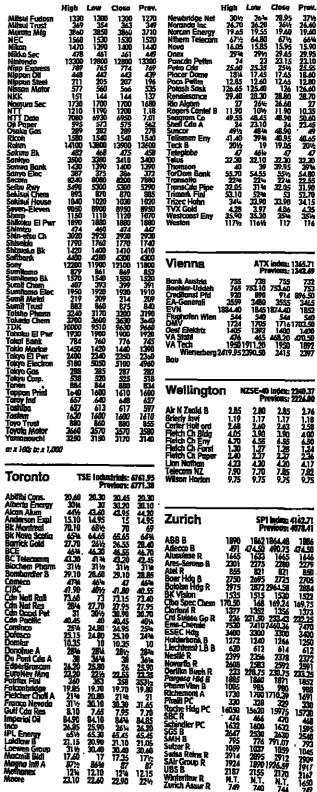
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Mitsubishi Warns of Big Loss **Over Chips**

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

TOKYO - Mitsubishi Electric Corp. said Tuesday that it would post a loss for the year through March seven times larger than it forecast just two months ago.

The company blamed falling prices for computer-memory chips and slumping sales of such consumer electronics as portable phones and air conditioners.

Mitsubishi Electric expects to post a group net loss of 70 billion yen (\$552.9 million). against a profit of 25.8 billion yen the previous year.

It is the biggest drop for any of Japan's five largest makers of computer microchips. South Korean makers have flooded the market for the chips in the last two years.

"Losses in our semiconductor business are the single biggest reason for the profit revision." said Michiyasu Hirahara, a managing director in Mitsubishi Electric's corporate accounting department, but he said there were losses also in the consumer electronics, personal computer and telecommunications equipment businesses.

Heading toward the first group loss in its history, Mitsubishi Electric said group sales would be 3.8 trillion yen, as opposed to the 4 trillion yen it forecast in November.

Mr. Hirahara said the company was expected to either cut the final dividend or not pay one at all.

"We are not sure if the year to March 1999 will return to the black.'' he added.

"We are considering cutting microchip output," Mr. Hirahara said without elaborating, adding, "We have a higher exposure to the microchip memory business compared with other companies."(Bloomberg, AFX)

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IMF Gets Beyond 'Fire-Fighting'

Fund Official, in Seoul, Says Interest Rates Can't Be Slashed

Hubert Neiss, director of the Asia and Pacific department of the International Monetary Fund, is spending this week in Seoul on the first quarterly review of the plan under which the IMF pieced together a \$60 billion bailout package for South Korea. He talked Tuesday about the issues in Korea with Don Kirk of the International Herald Tribune in Seoul.

Q. What's your basic purpose A. For me, it's the first occasion

where we can take a step back and look at the whole program and its strategy and objectives. We are no longer in this hectic period. It's not just fire-fighting. It's laying down strategy for the next couple of

Q. The economy appears somewhat more confident in view of the success of Korean negotiators in getting international creditor banks to roll over \$24 billion in short-term debt. Now the finance minister, Lim Chang Yuel, says interest rates without them. should go down from the current high level. What is your view?

A. There is a bit of euphoria here. the reasons for this craving for slashing the interest rates. I think their argument is basically

right, but you have to strike a balance between restoring stability on "healthy euphoria" in Seoul. maintaining output. The first pri-

Q&A: Hubert Neiss

Q. How do you now feel about the negotiations? A. There are no major areas of controversy. Today we found a solu-

tion. The direction of interest rates coming down is already there, but it's not yet time for a major dropping of interest rates. That we have to be sure of, and that's agreed.

Q. What's the danger in bringing interest rates down further?

A. Premature cuts in interest rates will only risk a return to exchangerate instability, which would also hurt banks and enterprises. A balance has to be struck very carefully between the damage to enterprises of continued high interest rates and the damage of renewed exchangerate instability.

Nobody likes high interest rates, but in a time of crisis we cannot do

Q. The finance minister, before you arrived Sunday, called for reduced interest rates in interviews which is quite healthy. That is one of with the Korean media. Did his remarks surprise or embarrass you?

A. That's just part of the game. I'm not embarrassed. The same seems to be happening in Thailand. ! go to Thailand from here this week-

Our team is starting there. On the arrival of the team, the papers were full of demands for softening, changing IMF conditions.

Q. There is a popular perception in some quarters here that the IMF is to blame for holding South Korea's economy in check in exchange for the bailout program. How do you

respond to that criticism? A. Let's keep in mind that we have high interest rates not because of the IMF but because of a foreignexchange crisis that must be overcome as quickly as possible so that

the economy can start recovering. Q. How can Korea force interest rates to stay up if financial institutions want to lower them and companies have to borrow to stay

afloat? A. The short-term rate is influ-

ority is to stabilize the exchange enced by monetary policy. The Bank of Korea can influence the market. The central bank can buy and sell securities. Here they are called monetary stabilization bonds. Therefore it's a market participant. It sells and buys in the open market, thereby influencing market condi-

> Q. You also are insisting on restructuring. How can you persuade the largest chaebol, or conglomerates, to sell off major companies that they want to keep no matter how much they talk about restructuring themselves?

A. It doesn't necessarily mean they have to get rid of everything. but some rationalization and downsizing is desirable, as we have seen in the United States and Europe.

In the end, they have to meet the needs of the marketplace to sur-

What about the labor prob-

A. Negotiations with unions are not yet through. Eventually they must find a reasonable solution. I don't think it's in the interest of the unions to break with the government. The solution will be that the unions accept some measures of labor-market flexibility and that the government accepts greater responsibility for providing for the unemployed and for putting them back to work as soon as possible through iob retraining.

Q. Where's the money coming

A. The money comes by cutting other nonpriority expenditures and by allowing for a modest deficit. year history. The IMF is very flexible when it comes to fiscal policy at a time of declining growth.

Q. You have been visiting Korea since the 1980s. How do you find the Koreans in negotiations?

A. The Koreans are very strong and determined. They are also quite firm. If they say something, they stick to it. When I have an agreement with the Koreans, I have no

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Investor's Asia

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Japan's business climate claimed a new victim as the travel agency Jetour Corp, collapsed after failing to note crough money. Jetour, which offers out-price overseas package tours. said in a recorded message on its telephone answering machine that it had stopped doing business.

 Japan's small and medium-sized companies were at their most pessimistic ever in January as banks out lending and sales continued to plummet, an industry survey showed. The survey by Shoko Chukin Bank said its key index tell to a record low of 39.1 in January from 40.4 in December.

• Cathay Pacific Airways Ltd. may fire as many as 1,000. employees, or 7 percent of its work force, a director (aid. The airline fired 760 people last month, its deepest curs in its 51-

• Thailand will begin auctioning some of the estimated 800 billion baht (\$15.1 billion) in assets of 50 closed frames companies before the end of February, officials said.

 United Technologies Corp., maker of Otis elevators, acquired a 9.62 percent stake in Dong Yang Elevator Co. of South Korea.

 South Korean banking institutions' campaign to collect. gold from private citizens gathered more than 161 tons of the ecions metal valued at more than \$1.5 billion by Saturday. eank officials said.

building starts by about three months, unexpectedly to a in-December to their highest level in nearly three years, providing further evidence the economy is growing strongly.

Australian building approvals, which usually precede

 STAR TV, a subsidiary of News Corp., hunched India's first 24-hour election news channel.

· Cambodia is expected to raise import taxes on some products to protect local industries and jobs from a flood of imports, Finance Minister Keat Chhon said.

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Failed Japanese Bank Raided

TOKYO — Prosecutors raided the Sapporo headquarters of

Hokkaido Takushoku Bank Ltd. on Tuesday in search of evidence of bribes allegedly offered to Finance Ministry officials, a spokesman for the failed bank said.

Two Finance Ministry officials were arrested last week on suspicion of having accepted lavish entertainment and favors from Hokkaido Takushoku and three other banks, Dai-Ichi Kangyo Bank Ltd., Sanwa Bank Ltd. and Asahi Bank Ltd., in exchange for inside information on bank inspections by the ministry.

Hokkaido Takushoku's headquarters are on Japan's northern island of Hokkaido. Prosecutors searched the bank's Tokyo office last week, along with the headquarters of Sanwa Bank Ltd. and two other banks suspected of seeking to in-fluence Finance Ministry officials.

Hokkaido Takushoku failed Nov. 17 under a mountain of nonperforming loans. It said it would transfer its operations to North Pacific Bank Ltd., a regional bank.

In Parliament, Naotaka Saeki, president of Sanwa Bank, apologized for its suspected role, Kyodo News reported. (Reuters, AP)

Procter & Gamble Says 'Limit' May Be Near for Embattled Vietnam Unit

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"The failure of a company such as Procter & Gamble. ing its Vietnamese partner and investor questions about with a reputation in Asia. would further accentuate the Hanoi's impartiality in handling joint-venture disputes.
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Rhône-Poulenc: 1997 results In contrast, strong growth are recorded in new product source, particularly in the United States: Clexane*/Lovenox*, the world's leading product for the prevention of deep vein thrombosis; Taxoterem, the anti-cancer agent available in

RHONE-POULENC INFORMS ITS SHAREHOLDERS

"The objective for 20% growth in 1997 net earnings per share excluding non-recurring charges, has been met with a rise of 20.62%.

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1997 was a very important year for Rhône-Poulenc: we consolidated our activities in the Life Sciences and paved the way for the creation of Rhodia with its business portfolio sharply focused on specialty chemicals. These operations led to a non-recurring charge of FF9.7 billion carried in 1997 accounts, which is reflected in a net loss for the year.

Enhancing the value of the Group remains our priority. We aim to achieve a return on equity of 13% by the year 2000.

To achieve this, the Group is counting on new products in the Life Sciences and on Rhodia's future development. We also intend to improve the earnings potential of our businesses. That is why new operations will be launched in 1998, which will result in additional nonrecurring charges in the region of FF2 billion.

For 1998, we are maintaining our target of 20% growth in net earnings per share, excluding non-recurring charges".

Jean-René Fourtou Chairman and Chief Executive

Consolidated results

FF89.995 billion (+11.4%) Net loss: FF4.991 billion Net income excluding non-recurring charges: FF 3.417 billion (+24.7%)

Life Sciences Consolidated net sales: FF52.6 billion (+11.7%)* Earnings from operations:

FF8.4 billion (+0.95%)

■ Pharmaceuticals

Consolidated net sales: FF33.3 billion (+10.8%)* Earnings from operations: FF5.3 billion (-7.9%)

The downturn in earnings for pharmaceuticals is primarily due to the Centeon situation and to the decline in sales of asthma products in the United States, as well as weaker demand on the French pharmaceuticals market.

Rhône-Poulenc, a worldwide leader in life sciences. and its specialty chemicals subsidiary, Rhodia,

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🖪 Plant and Animal Health Consolidated net sales: FF 19.5 billion (+ 12.8%)* Eurnings from operations: FF3.1 billion (+20.5%)

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Growth was fuelled by a generally buoyam market, the rapid merease in new product sales and the earnings posted by Merial. Frontlines, an antiparasitic agent for animals, recorded sales up 150% in 1997.

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Strong sales growth in vaccines helped consolidate Pasteur Mérieux

Connaught's worldwide positions, particularly in the United States (Ipol[®], an injectable polic yactine

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Regent^k, the brand name of the new Fipronil-based insecticide. doubled its 1996 sales performance.

In animal nutrition, methionine and vitamins continued to improve their sales performance tup by 10%.

Chemicals/Fibers and polymers Consolidated net sales: FF37.5 billion (+10.6%)* Earnings from operations:

FF2.1 billion (+76%) The increase is mainly due to

The refocusing process toward specialty chemicals continued. The Chemicals and the Fibers/polymers husinesses were merged into a new company, Rhodia, on January 1, 1999.

A gross dividend per ordinary "A" share of FF5.62 (FF5.25 in 1996] will be recommended by the Board of Directors at the Annual General Meeting of Shareholders to be held on Max 26, 1998,

On a comparable Group structure

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BANKS: Impact of Crisis Hinges on Health of Japan's Lenders possible downgrades. The bad debts

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Japan's economy is twice as large as that of the rest of Asia put together, so many analysts say the question that will determine the future of the Asian crisis is simply: What will happen in Tokyo? Japan's new finance minister, Hikaru

Matsunaga, promised last weekend that he would do his utmost to prevent any of the nation's top 19 banks from collapsing. The money is there; Japan is the largest creditor nation in the world, with assets that make the IMF look like a pauper, so it is not risking the kind of liquidity crisis that felled South Korea. With \$800 billion in bonds, direct investment and other securities abroad, the Japanese government is sitting on a

comfortable cushion. "It's a cushion that most Asian economies don't have, and it's the cause of a lot of Japan's problems," said Kathy few of Japan's major banks have credit a couple of the weakest banks may be Matsui, strategist at Goldman Sachs (Jaratings that are barely investment grade, shut down, merged or absorbed by other

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nightmare that still haunts bankers and executives around the world is the failure of a large Japanese bank that provokes a run on deposits. That run could even spread to otherwise healthy banks and might in turn prompt a sudden liquidity squeeze and paralyze these giants and eventually the global financial system.

The basic problem facing the Jap-anese banking system is bad debt, a mountain of it: a subsidiary problem is the mountain is. The banks report that they have \$560 billion in bad or questionable loans, and they hold acres of boarded-up lots and half-empty buildings that they cannot sell but took possession of when loans went sour.

Partly because of these bad debts, a pan) Ltd. "They know that they have a and other banks are being reviewed for

it associations and small lending institutions around the country, and the vaults at Bank of Japan, the nation's central bank, are swinging open as they never have before to provide cash for banks that anticipate withdrawals by depositors.

depositors lining up are so orderly that they do not seem very alarming. The authorities are closing down cred-

More important, the mountain of bad debts creates fears in the banking comthat no one has a precise idea of how big munity that one of their number will fail while holding money belonging to other institutions. There is a fear, therefore, that commercial banks would suddenly perceive one bank to be at risk and pull back their funds from it.

In general, financial analysts and bankers say the system will hold but that institutions in the next few months.

LOCALS: International Bands Are Getting Competition in Europe

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formers like Aretha Franklin, the Rolling Stones and Phil Collins.

In Germany, the world's third-largest music market, after the United States and Japan, local performers account for 48 percent of 6 billion DM (\$3.3 billion) in sales, double the percentage of five years ago. In Spain, 58 percent of the total \$1 billion music sales are generated by Spanish and Latin American artists. In France, where state-imposed quotas require radio stations to play 40 percent French music, French groups account for nearly half of

the country's total sales. "For the first time in years, listeners in the U.K. and elsewhere are being drawn to a clearly identifiable French sound, whether it's in dance or techno styles,"

to international acclaim requires far more blood, sweat and well-timed touring and radio airplay than before, record company officials say.

Of the top five U.S. albums ranked

last year by the record industry magazine Billboard, only the pop group No Doubt scored significant overseas success, largely due to an exhausting schedule that included three concert tours in Europe, two in Asia and one in Latin

As difficult as it is becoming for American groups to break into foreign markets, artists in Germany, Spain and France are generally finding it easier to attract fans outside their home territories.

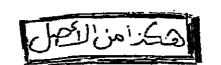
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acts continue to draw loyal fans, the road boom in local German repertoire and exports derives almost exclusively from the craze for dance and techno hits, primed substantially by Viva and Viva 2, two music video channels that program upward of 40 percent German titles. Spanish artists have considerably

more luck creating crossover hits, with listeners in the United States buying some \$2 million worth of Spanish music. With 6 million albums sold worldwide, Los del Rios's ubiquitous "Macarena" accounted for the lion's share of Spanish musical exports.

French producers have been investing heavily in local artists, and this investment is now paying off in the growing quality and diversity of French music, according to Paul-Rene Albertini, the president of SNEP and chief executive of Sony France. Yet despite the foreign successes of groups like Daft Punk, Patricia Kaas and Wes, "France remains

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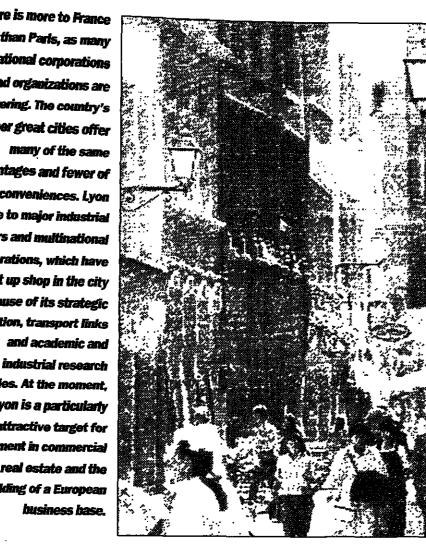
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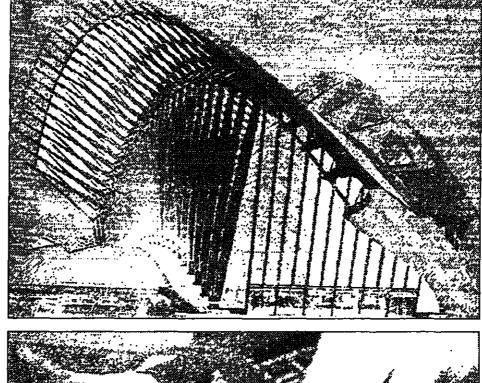
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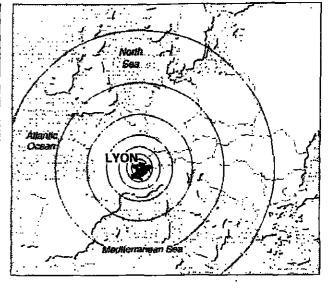
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The five poles are the center, the northeast, the east, the south, and the north and west.

The center is composed of the peninsula formed by the confluence of the Rhône and Saône Rivers and the neighborhoods on their banks. The center includes the historic heart of the city of Lyon, with its well-preserved Renaissance neighborhood, Saint-Jean. It also encompasses the ultramodern Part-Dieu complex, the principal business center of Lyon and of the region. Part-Dieu is home to a rull station that sends high-

speed TGV trains off into the rest of France and Europe, the largest shopping center in Europe, and the headquarters of many public institutions and private businesses.

The northeast remains largely green, open space. Even the development of the Cité Internationale business and leisure complex at the entrance to the city has not detracted from this aspect of help planners identify the assets and needs of each area in order to fulfill the potential of the Greater Lyon area as a whole

Lyon 2010 will

the area, as great attention has been paid to preserving and enhancing its natural beauty. This area will continue to grow in importance as more new office space is made available for rental and sale, and when a 200-room Hilton Hotel opens in 1999. With its Palais des Congrès, it is already the site of

regular conventions and conferences. To the east of Lyon is a wide plain with plenty of land that is ripe for development. This is the location of the Eurexpo exhibition center, the Bron and Satolas airports, and the interconnections of the French highway network, a strategic situation that makes it ideal for companies providing just-intime deliveries. The Porte des Alpes area in the east has been identified in the 2010 plan as the logical next step for expansion as it is located on the edge of the urban zone. An ambitious redevelopment program is now under way that will integrate the nearby university with a new technology park, currently under construction, specializing in the en-

The southwest is the industrial sector of Greater Lyon. with companies working in the areas of chemistry, mechanics, agribusiness, etc. The Gerland quarter on the left bank of the Rhone, the site of the Ecole Normale Superieure, one of France's grandes écoles, is considered a science pole, an attractive locations for high-technology businesses. Across the river, at the tip of the peninsula, a significant amount of land is available for development.

The residential areas to the north and west are home to the universities and research centers of Ecully, where numerous high-tech businesses are located. A new subway station in the Vaise quarter of Lyon is bringing new economic life to the neighborhood.

The Lyon 2010 plan will help the authorities identify the strengths and needs of each of these poles so that they can Heidi Ellison better develop their assets and potential.

A Unique Platform for Success

Lyon has a long trading history, which continues today as businesses choose the city as a base.

▼ their Gallic base because of its highly strategic location at the confluence of the Rhône and Saône Rivers, a position that not only had defensive advantages but was also conducive to trade.

Some 2,000 years later, the city has kept up with the times. and its strategic location is now more than ever a plus. Today. Lyon is at the center of France's sophisticated rail and highway networks, which continue to stretch their long arms deeper and deeper into Europe, making the city an important regional center with one-day transport links not only to much

of the rest of France but also to neighboring countries. This network of ground transportation is backed up by top-notch air connections, buttressed by the new Satolas airport/ TGV station. Recently, an expansion of Satolas was announced, and Air France has decided to make Lyon-Satolas its second French hub after Charles de Gaulle Airport in Paris.

Good links to the rest of the Continent and the globe are vital in today's increasingly smaller world, but business begins at home, and in this area Lyon has a wealth of expertise and experience to offer.

From silk to pharmaceuticals

Once again, history has served the city well: In the 15th century, civil wars at home drove Italian bankers, traders and silk makers to seek refuge in the city, bringing Lyon a strong financial base on which to build. The weaving of silk and other fabrics provided the foundation for the city's prosperity until World War I, when its fabric-manufacturing role declined. But all those centuries of toil at the looms were not for nothing. The technological and scientific know-how and advances that had served the fabric industry were applied to new industrial endeavors, and today Lyon is noted for its expertise in the fields of mechanics, textiles, chemicals, man-

made fibers, para-chemistry, pharmaceuticals and biology. One outgrowth of these traditional industries is a blossoming high-technology sector dealing with electrical equipment, organic chemistry, synthetic dves, phytosanitary products and pharmaceuticals. Lyonnais industries export 28 percent of their production.

Lyon is home to major international industrial powers and Renault Véhicules Industriels and Danone, to mention just a few, but one of the city's great strengths is its network of dynamic small and medium-sized enterprises working in areas ranging from industry to high-technology and services. SMEs account for around 47 percent of employment.

hen in Rome, do as the Romans do. And when in ideal logistical center for the transfer of goods from both the Lyon, do as the Romans did. They chose Lyon as food and industrial sectors. The city is developing a growing exchange network with northern Italy (Milan and Turin). Switzerland (Geneva) and Germany. Italy and Germany are Lyon's primary trading partners, both in terms of imports and exports. The city also has good relations with Lombardy. Baden-Württemberg, Catalonia and the 20 partner regions of the Southern European Arc, which encompasses Spain. southern France and Northern Italy.

Intellectual botbed

In a vital but more intangible area. Lyon is a veritable hotbed of scientific and industrial research, with 450 laboratories employing 5,500 persons, research institutes (including the prestigious National Center for Scientific Research and Institut Pasteur) employing 7.000, and top universities with around 100,000 students. These centers of learning work hand-in-hand with industry to create exciting new developments in such areas as health, agriculture, agronomy, transportation, civil engineering and the environment.

The devolution of power from Paris to the French provinces and the strengthening role of the European Union in decision-making mean that Lyon has become more autonomous and is moving out of the shadow of the once-overpowering French capital. As national concerns give way to regional ones. Lyon is taking its place as an important regional center serving Southern Europe. The city hosted the G7 meeting of world leaders in 1996, and on Nov. 9-12, it will be the site of the first meeting of the "Partners for Development" initiative of the UN Conference on Trade and Development. The other big event of 1998, the Soccer World Cup (beginning on June 10) is expected to bring 2.5 million spectators

to the matches, several of which will be held in Lyon. All of these positive attributes have attracted some 210 foreign companies with more than 50 employees each (for a total of 53,079 workers) to Greater Lyon.

Where life is good

Located in the beautiful Rhônes-Alpes region, with varied scenery ranging from the Alps to Provençal landscapes. Lyon also offers terrific sports and leisure activities (including the nearby Olympic ski resorts) and a reputation as the gastmultinational corporations like Rhône-Poulenc, Péchiney, ronomic capital of the world. Lyon, where cinema was invented more than a hundred years ago by the Lumière brothers, is also home to the Institut Lumière and hosts the prestigious Contemporary Art Biennial.

Life is good in Lyon, with its beautiful monuments and historic quarters, vibrant cultural life (world-class theater. 15 at Cannes's Palais des Congrès to answer your questions The city's historical role as a trading center has not been opera, dance, museums, etc.), relatively low cost of living and about commercial real estate in Greater Lyon. neglected, either. Its location and transport links make it an relaxed pace of life. These were not negligible considerations



Slices of life in Lyon: the Renaissance quarter, the TGV station at Satolas airport, high-tech industry, the central food market.

for the companies that have chosen to set up shoo in Lyon. Companies looking for the ideal European base will find that this is the perfect time to take a close look at the city. The commercial real estate stock and attractive prices are there. along with all the advantages mentioned above.

In addition, ADERLY, the Lyon area's economic-development agency, is prepared to do everything possible to facilitate business set-ups in the city. In the past, it has gone so far as to ensure the establishment of an international school to meet the concerns of Interpol, one of the many organizations and companies that have chosen Lyon as a base. ADERLY provides assistance in correlating new projects with the local economy; choosing a location; dealing with administrative, technical and financial formalities; and helping employees and their families to settle in the area. ADERLY officials will be on hand at the MIPIM real estate conference on March 12-

STOCKS LOW AND DEMAND RISING FOR OFFICE SPACE

Renovation and development projects are under way to increase supply:

meters (more than I million currently offer space of more Part-Dieu square feet) per year since than 3,000 square meters in a The central Part-Dieu com-

. As the effects of the recession waned and the economy picked up in Lyon, the 'city's commercial real estate market returned to "normal" Vactivity in 1996 after the roller-coaster ride of the speculative boom years be-tween 1987 and 1991 and the downturn in the period from 1991 to 1995.

In fact, the city risks a shortage of available stock as

Michel Forien, of the municipal administration of new building, which is what Greater Lyon, says that now large companies are looking is the time to invest in Lyon for due to heavy pressure on the

According to Alain Part-Dieu." Schori, regional director of

real estate places and president of FNAIM En- two development projects, second in France in treprises, only one building. Part-Dieu and Cité Internaterms of level of demand, at located in the Lyon-Part-tionale. more than 100,000 square Dieu business center, can

> With companies looking for large office spaces of 3,000 sallare meters or more, the area near district looks ripe for

This is the area investors market for new office space. should be looking at," says He estimates current stock at Mr. Schori. "The supply no 30,000 square meters, far be- longer corresponds to de-How the yearly sales and rent-mand. and thousands of als total of 45,000 square me- square meters of land are ters in the Greater Lyon available to build on to the tween 200 square meters and under construction is schedeast of the train station in

To help remedy the situ-

yon's market for office realtors Auguste Thouard ation, the city is looking to

plex is an administrative and financial center that now renresents 25 percent to 35 percent of the market, with voted to service-industry square meter, for a potential activities and more than rate of return of 9 percent. 20,000 jobs.

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rental price of 890 francs (be- of the G7 meeting of world the tions to it.

The complex is located Cité Internationale

tion, which is served by high- novative development prospeed TGV trains, allowing ject located on the banks of access to Paris, for example, the Rhone River next to the beautiful Parc de la Tête d'Or. dergoing a huge renovation renowned architect Renzo Piproject that will improve the ano, the handsome complex grès convention center and the city's Museum of Conbuilding. currently under temporary Art (the pre-exist-15,000 square meters of renovated). In 1997, a UGC quality modern office space multiplex cinema opened. divisible into units of be- and a 200-room Hilton Hotel

Part-Dieu is currently un- Designed by the worldpublic spaces, add parking lots is home to the Palais des Conconstruction, will consist of ing building has been totally

In 1996, Cité Interna-5,000 square. Pers each at a thousale was chosen as the site ties (60 percent of activity) in

fore taxes) per square meter leaders. Interpol has con- premises and warehouses in ism of local companies. At ment of Economic and Inper year or sold for 9.600 structed its world headquar- the east and southeast, com- the same time, the amount of ternational Affairs of Greater 500,000 square meters de- francs (before taxes) per ters next to the complex, and mercial activities in the cen- space available declined, Lyon) and ADERLY to help the city has improved road ter, and after-sales and repair with almost no new premises them find a suitable site and and public-transport connec- services in the west.

> Mr. Forien also identifies the volume of industrial real the Porte des Alpes area, with estate and warehouse transits Technology Park and sur- actions doubled in Lyon, ing a closer look at this en- des Congrès in Cannes on rounding industrial activities, reaching 650,000 square meticing market will want to March 12-15. to the east of city as a likely

investment target. All this creates an ideal setting for businesses looking for modern office space. The first segment of 14,000 square meters of office space was rented out within one year of being put on the market in 1996, broken down into units of between 150 square meters and 7,000 square meters.

In general, business activities in Lyon are divided as follows: industry and logis-

Between 1991 and 1997.

standard business ters, testimony to the dynam- call on DAEI (The Departsector.

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A GLOBAL GAME WITH BIG PLAYERS

Structural changes in the world economy are bringing new resources to the European market.

of global capital markets, the plicated." demolition of restrictive barriers between individual Vital cross-connections European countries and the The trend toward internaemergence of world-class in- tionalization of the property

"There is a big structural economy, which the Anglo-Saxon countries - especially the United States and explains Robert Lipscomb. Britain — have been better managing partner at Healey able to respond to than Con- & Baker, agents in Paris. tinental Europe," says Angus Meintosh, head of research at Richard Ellis, real estate agents in London.

'This is because their market structures are much more flexible. The old cozy alization and professionalism European ways of doing of property dealing in Europe business are now breaking are also illustrated by the indown. In Germany, for in- creasing application of techstance, banks have traditionally invested heavily in companies that they financed, thus reducing the need to raise equity capital on the stock exchange. Change is now being boosted by forces such as accelerating corporate mergers, acquisitions privatization. which place more emphasis on equity holdings and stock

market flotation. Amsterdam-based ING ance group — provides a to buy up real-estate-linked million good example of the above debt portfolios and properties million). trends. "Our core business at knock-down prices. includes asset management. our group. This move re- all equation. our group. This move re- all equation.

sponds especially to the "In a characteristic U.S."

ntil now, real estate sion funds around the world. dealing in Europe has Many of these wish to inbeen largely domina- clude real estate in their portted by national markets and folios, but hesitate to invest local ways of doing business. directly in this sector because This is now changing rapidly internationalization is makin line with the development ing the situation more com-

stitutional players with large markets also creates new appetites and a drive to move challenges for property their funds around the globe agents, though the largest asin response to shifting profit scrt that they are ready to patterns.

scrt that they are ready to meet these. "Our firm is orgartized on an entirely inchange going on in the world ternational basis, with crossconnections between our offices in different countries," This enables a partner anywhere to advise international investors on a pan-European basis as to where they can best place their funds.

The growing internationniques imported from the United States. These include that allows investors to raise debt finance more easily from the markets by granting buyers of the debt rights over related assets), facilities management and so-called "work-out teams."

Following the collapse of early 1990s, for example, investors from the United the ING banking and insur- have recently been moving in

These have earned the property development and fi- nickname of vulture nance," says Hermann Van funds," though according to den Berg at ING Real Estate. Charles Pridgeon, who "Currently, we are working handles real estate financing on developing new funds that and deals at Bankers Trust in



Renovations like this one on Paris's Rue de Rivoli may combine retall, office and residential units.

"there will be a consortium which will provide 20 percent to 40 percent of the price by way of equity. Typically they will be partnered by a French bank, which will be The technique known as falending the rest of the money. This will include a French to obtain maximum value out of the assets." Bankers Trust, whose

head office is in the United States, operates as an investment bank and offers advisory services across Europe. Recently, the bank has also French property prices in the started buying European real Real Estate - a subsidiary of States and other countries 110 properties in France. with a total book value of 500 of buying power." million French francs (\$82

We employ our own work-out team on these properties," Mr. Pridgeon says. gressive sales contingent who during the recession. Our pearance, needs of funds such as pen- purchase of French real es- work-out teams are pursuing "Opportunistic property

tate," Mr. Pridgeon says, very active leasing policies, buyers in France are now and moving decisively to gearing their acquisitions by of U.S. investors in a fund, clear up any outstanding legal taking out long-term mortproblems associated with the gages for a substantial proproperties."

cilities management is also Lang Wootton. property now increasingly applied by securitization (a technique work-out team that will strive public utilities and govern- are now very attractive, with ment agencies, such as the yields on prime office propsocial security department in erties in central Paris stand-Britain. "The idea is to put ing at 6 percent to 6.5 pertogether specialized teams cent. There is now a clear that can optimize the use of trend for French banks and buildings and land, selling German mortgage banks to off the ones that are not needed and using the prostarted buying European real ceeds to upgrade the essential acquisitions. French banks estate for its own account. facilities, Mr. Pridgeon exthat were previously laden plains. "The technique also with dodgy real estate loans makes possible the pooling are now coming back onto

At the same time, approaches to financing propcrty deals are also changing. Against a background of low inflation across Europe, bor-"The team includes an ag- rowers and investors are Paris Feb. 4. points to the looking much more at cash- U.S. market's "ransom of know the history of the prop- flow projections than they glory": high prices and erties, but are not weighed used to do, and are taking a shopped out properties. Inwill offer third parties an op- London, such funds play down by the problems that relatively conservative view stitutions that took advantage portunity to invest alongside only a small part in the over-the properties have suffered of these. Securitization is of the distressed property over the last five years or so also starting to make an ap- market there a few years ago

portion of the price." ex-Erik Sonden. plains European purmer and direc-

tor of investment at Jones agents in Paris. "Price levels become much more active in financing French real estate the real estate market."

Henri M. Philippe Alster. cochair of the "Global Investors in European Real Estate Conference" being held at the Carrousel du Louvre in Michael Rome

WHITHER THE SMART MONEY?

Portfolio Game organized by agents Jones centers, investors who have recently bought Lang Wootton as part of a November 1997 shopping centers there include Schroeders conference staged in Brussels. Each participant was notionally allotted 500 million players such as Morgan Stanley have also Ecus (\$545 million) to invest in the prop- been active in buying distressed real-estateerties that he or she thought would bring in linked loans in Italy. the best returns between now and 2000.

Paris offices came top of the list, fol- Focus on retail lowed by Spanish shopping centers and then offices in the city of London." recalls Vic- of foreign investor interest in Spain. For in Warsaw respectively."

U.S. property investors have recently been markets in both east and west. Also, U.S. capital and pension funds are increasingly looking to Europe to provide new investment nities in Spain. opportunities. At the same time. Europeans hemselves are now returning as buyers to the ontinent's choicer centers.

In Britain, property markets are already booming. In several other countries, including France and Spain, analysts believe that they have bottomed out and that recovery is now on the way. Also, at a moment of turmoil erties in major West European countries as a investment moves across the continent.

Demand is rampant in London." says "Around 5 million square feet of office space are currently under offer and about to be signed. This is in addition to the 11 million square feet placed during 1997." One example is Swiss RE (the giant Swiss reinsurance group) that has acquired the old Baltic Exchange building in the City and is currently having it rebuilt to provide 3.000 square feet of accommodation.

In Southern Europe. Italy is also starting to attract international investor interest in real estate. "So far, demand is limited, because of the traditional perceived view of Italy," comments Robert Lipscomb at Healey & Baker in Paris. "However, the necessary underlying politics are more stable. Italy is also trying to francs (\$220 million).

wo hundred international property in- get into the euro in the first wave. To date. vestors were recently invited to take international interest in Italian property has part in the Millemium Investment centered almost exclusively on shopping

toria Marquis, senior analyst with the in- example, Bankers Trust recently acquired an vestment and research department of Jones equity stake in the Filo shopping center Lang Wootton in Paris. "Numbers four and group. Other examples are the Hines acfive were Prague retail premises and offices quisition by U.S. investor Hines of the Diagonal Mar center in Barcelona, the purchase by Focas of a shopping center in Marbella prominent cross-border players in Europe, and several Spanish shopping center pur-with a tendency to merge assets and to go for chases by the Dutch fund, Rodamco. The British-based Heron group is looking seriously at leisure-sector property opportu-

The investment trend in France is now moving more and more away from buying distressed loans to purchasing real estate itself," comments Charles Pridgeon at Bankers Trust. "Quite a lot of this is connected with state defeasance vehicles, including the CDR [connected with the Credit Lyonnais bank] plus the AGF defeasance vehicles. Germany, on the other hand, is weighed down by the fact that it attracts in world financial markets, some see prop- relatively fewer corporate locations because of the very high wages there. Added to this relatively safe haven. The more adventurous are the problems of the eastern parts of the are tooking east for higher returns. All of country. Dresden offices are 40 percent vathese trends are giving further impetus to cant, with a 13 percent vacancy level on residential properties."

At the same time, major German funds Angus Meintosh at agents Richard Ellis, have money ready to invest and are eager forinvestment opportunities. "Recent reforms' in the regulations governing German funds now make it possible for them to place money in indirect property assets outside Germany." Mr. Pridgeon says. "As a result. they are likely to invest massively in favored markets - France in particular - over thenext year or so." Agents like France's Cogedim are responding with service packages that include legal, technical and financial

The 26.000-square-meter former Pechiney building in central Paris, in which the Paribas banking group owns a controlling interest, is currently for sale. Sources say that' factors to attract investors are all present. The a German fund could be on the point of economy and currency are doing well, and buying it for around 1.35 billion French

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WHEN THE MANY MARKETS SHARE A SINGLE CURRENCY

rency, the euro, will have sig- invest in European countries nificant impact on the property that are inside the euro zone business, some analysts say. than in those that are outside. As a result. European Union. In this context, we think that capital markets should be- Britain will join in the second come both more accessible wave, together with Hungary, and less easy to control by the Czech Republic and Ponational governments. Better land." access to the markets will make it easier to finance property deals. This, in turn, will lead to greater internationalization of European property markets, which should become less fragmented than they are today.

'The euro is particularly significant, since it will eliminate the currency risks between par-huge opportunities for investticipating states," says Hermann Van den Berg at iNG Real Amsterdam. "Moreover, the introduction of the euro will force national au- emments are cutting back on thorities to iron out existing le-

Hans Van der Werf, also of ING Real Estate in Amsterdam, takes the above points further. "The euro will provide much greater inquidity to the capital markets," he says, "If 15 countries take part, the capital markets will be twice those of Japan and 70 percent of the U.S. market. This will mean including money destined for retirement plans. Also, these moves are occurring at a moment when govpublic debt, thus offering fewer

The planned 1999 introduc- say, the next 10 to 15 years, it. Moreover, due to the strong looking at how to broaden the tion of Europe's single cur- will clearly be easier for us to anti-inflationary policy of EU scope of these funds further to fixed-income bonds have be- to the United States." come less attractive."

Alternative vehicles

having to turn more to the euro will remove the exchange equities and property markets for new opportunities, Mr. Van der Werf points out. "One of our main aims in this context is to create new property investment opportunities by developing and diversifying our market across the euro zone, funds," he continues. "For example, at the moment we are looking at the idea of an Iberian fund covering Spain and Portugal. This will later be included in a European retail fund, which will participate in funds in different countries. At the moment, our main clients for indirect property investments are in the Netherlands and the opportunities to investors. United Kingdom. We are now

governments, investments in other European countries and

Some property specialists believe that the euro will have less dramatic effects. "It is This means that investors are true that the introduction of the risk between participating Leming at Henderson Real Estate Strategy in London. "However, it will not create a totally homogeneous property since other barriers, such as different tax regimes, transac

tion costs and legal and lease

structures, will remain."

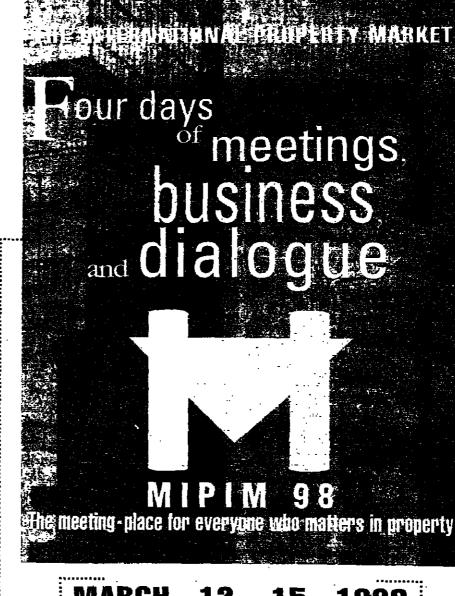
Erik Sonden, European partner and director of investment at Jones Lang Wootton in Paris. takes a similar line. "In my view, the introduction of the euro will not have a very significant impact on investors, he savs. "International investors can already hedge against their risks today in order to eliminate or diminish the exchange risk. The major change for European markets will be when national tax sys

tems are harmonized." Angus Mointosh, head of research at Richard Ellis agents in London, says that the euro is almost a side issue. "What matters for investors in property and other assets is finding the stock markets that offer the greatest depth and liquidity," he asserts. "In this respect, London is growing in importance, regardless whether or not Britain joins EMU at an early date."

inflationary effects

One indirect consequence of

applying the euro across the European Union could be to trigger a rise in property prices by increasing the rate of inflation. "Ultimately, the euro will probably include countries such as Britain and Italy," says Charles Pridgeon at Bankers Trust in London. "These countries will exercise greater inflationary pressure than states such as France and Germany, which are leading the way to



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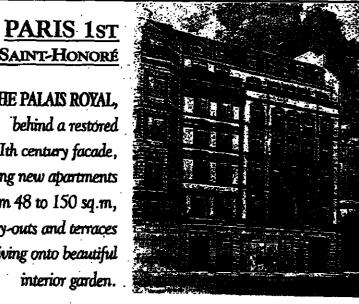
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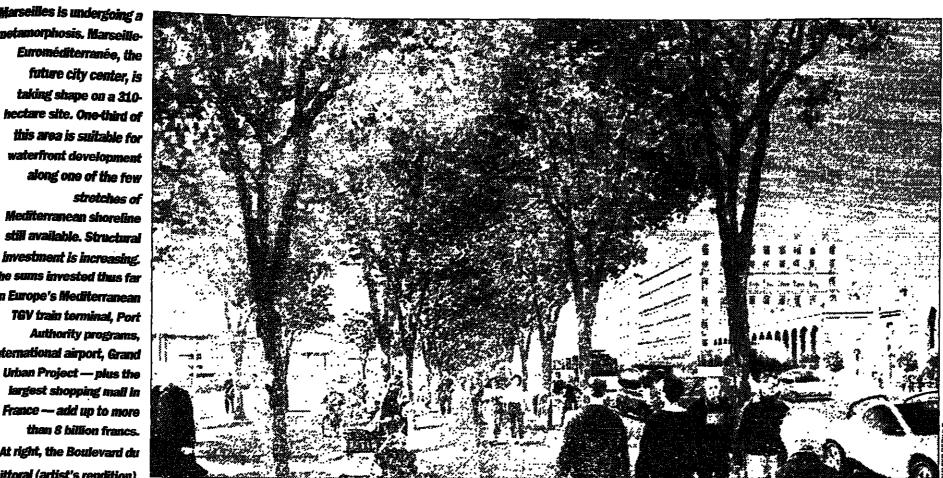
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metamorphosis. Marseille Euroméditerranée, the future city center, is taking shape on a 310hectare site. One third of this area is suitable for waterfront development along one of the few stretches of Mediterranean shoreline still available. Structural investment is increasing. The sums invested thus far in Europe's Mediterranean TGV train terminal, Port **Authority programs**, international airport, Grand Urban Project - plus the largest shopping mall in France - add up to more than 8 billion francs. At right, the Boulevard du

Littoral (artist's rendition).

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With traffic in Marseilles set to double, urban

planners are pulling out all the stops.

y the year 2000, Marseilles will be one hour and 15 minutes from Lyon, three hours from Paris and four hours from Brussels when the high-speed TGV train goes into full service between Marseilles and the north. This

is one of the strongest urban development forces in the city. The Saint-Charles train station is already a hub for the city's urban and regional public transportation networks, and it is in the process of becoming much more. It will link business, housing and hotels at the heart of the city's economic and social life, where the train station and university are located.

The ambitious 15-hectare (37-acre) Saint-Charles project has three objectives:

 To improve the quality and interconnectivity of the city's major transportation systems.

• To enhance Marseilles' relations with other major cities in France and Europe, with other towns in the region

 To revitalize the urban hub in which it lies. There are two intertwined but separately budgeted op-

erations, which together total 880 million francs (\$146.24 million).

The first is the development of the railroad infrastructure itself (454 million francs). The second is the realization of a transport hub financed by the city of Marseilles, the Provence-Alpes-Cote d'Azur region, the department of the Bouches du Rhône, Euroméditerranée, the French government and the French Railroad (SNCF), with a price tag of 426 million francs. The SNCF is paying the lion's share (400 million francs), the city of Marseilles 170 million, PACA 120 million, Euroméditerranée 70 million, and the state and the department of Bouches du Rhône 60 million each.

transportation hub — the largest in a European city center is located. Urban planners have studied the area with the objective of regrouping the various means of transportation that intersect at Porte d'Aix, the principal access to the center of the city, as well as well as opening up to the rest of the PACA region.

The city of Marseilles considers the renovation of this area

The renovation, the installation of prestigious businesses

Ready for more traffic

The transportation hub itself will open up the city center to the port and to the outside world, reactivating the city's

The Saint-Charles train station was last upgraded in 1983 for an estimated maximum of 10 million passengers a year. Today's traffic is about 7 million, but with the arrival of the TGV, 15 million passengers are expected annually by 2010. Train traffic will also double during rush hour, with between

The urban planners working on this project have several objectives: to make access to all modes of transportation within the complex (train, taxi, bus, car, subway and pedestrian) as direct, fast and comfortable as possible; to give the complex a strong architectural identity integrated within its urban environment; and to allow for expansion and modi-

There will be 800 new parking spaces with access to the north, facing the highway, and another 800-1,000 spaces added to existing facilities. An underground tunnel for cars

PROPERTY REFLECTS URBAN RENEWAL

Development is transforming the city center into the hub of the Mediterranean basin.

L Pierre Lejeune, an executive with French property developer George V.

His firm is responsible for Les Docks, one of the first renovations of Euroméditerranée, an ambitious urban renewal project encompassing 310 hectares (766 acres) in the neart of the city.

Why did George V invest 1 billion francs (\$167 million) in Les Docks? Because, says Mr. Lejeune, "Marseilles is a transportation hub with a major port and an excellent geo- already moving in. graphical position, and it presented a very good investment opportunity for us."

George V and other savvy investors believe that Marseilles outshines its rivals as a place to invest.

"The return in [other] cities is not so great because there is return on Les Docks by the time the project is completed in

Even before the Euroméditerranée initiative was launched in December 1995, Marseilles was holding its own during the European real estate slump of the early 1990s. It experienced less of a downturn than many large cities in France. The number of new residential apartments being sold in the center of the city has doubled in the last two years, and the demand for office space in Marseilles is so high that Euromédi- some of the main attractions. to construct 100,000 square meters (1.08 for a total of 500,000 square meters over 15 years.

Waterfront as centerpiece

Marseilles' waterfront plays a key role in Euroméditerranée planning; more than one-third of the Euroméditerranée project lies along the waterfront. When the port area has been restored, beauty will marry business. The harbor will have special areas for cruise ships to dock in and an attractive

terminal for arriving and departing passengers.

The largest urban redevelopment project in France has a

arscilles does not have the reputation that it de- number of development areas. The most important are La serves, as those who know the city can attest," says Joliette, Saint-Jean and Saint Charles-Porte d'Aix, along with Belle-de-Mai and Arenc.

La Joliette, located on the harbor, is primarily a center for international commerce and technology. Some space will be allocated for hotels, and the habitat, with the water nearby, is diverse and refreshing. Les Docks is shaping up as prime office space - many offices have been renovated with marble and paneled wood - with stunning views of the Mediterranean Sea. Enterprises from finance to media are

Heart of the city

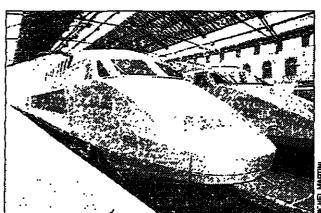
Saint-Charles-Porte d'Aix, in the very heart of Marseilles, will be home to businesses, housing and hotels. A new university campus will further add to the intellectual vitality not as great a differential between expectations and po- of the neighborhood. The train station - currently under tential," says Mr. Lejeune, who expects his company to see a expansion to accommodate the high-speed TGV in a few years - will eventually be the site of the largest multi-mode transportation in a European city center, reinforcing Marseilles' role as the crossroads of the Mediterranean basin.

Saint-Jean, also on the harbor, blends aesthetics and history. With well-preserved architecture that dates to the time of King Louis XIV, the area is developing a focus on tourism as well as maritime activities. The Cathedral. Fort Saint-Jean, Fort Saint-Nicolas and Fort Entrecastaux are

Belle-de-Mai and Arenc are marked for attention as future million square feet) of office space over the next five years. artistic and business zones: Belle-de-Mai, formerly a warehouse area, is the up-and coming cultural center in Marseilles. It already has space for performances and exhibitions, plus studios and lodging for artists in residence. The restoration ateliers of the Louvre and Versailles have already established activities in the area.

Arenc, along the harbor, will link port activities with the high-tech activities of La Joliette. The area will include housing and public recreation areas in addition to protessionally oriented buildings.

Claudia Flisi



France's famous TGV trains are coming to Marseilles.

'LES DOCKS' BRIDGES HARBOR AND THE HEART OF THE CITY

Although the word "docks" originated in England in the 1800s. Marseilles has long been a reference point for the commercialization of a city's docks, owing to its logistic advantages. Le Lacydon — the natural dock of Marseilles - is large and centrally located and protected from the

Docks are again drawing attention to Marseilles' commercial potential. This time, the reference is to Les Docks. a beautifully restored 19th-century building complex occupying 2 hectares (5 acres) of waterfront in the Joliette area of the city. Privately developed by French development. company George V, it is the star attraction in Euroméditerranée's redevelopment program.

Hervé Wattinne, an executive with real estate developer Auguste Thouard, says that Les Docks/La Joliette benefits from "an exceptional infrastructure, plus ready transportation access to the highway leading out of town and to the city center by car and subway."

When fully renovated in 2001, Les Docks will offer 100,000 square meters (1.08 million square feet) of stateof the art office space to service companies, especially those with an interest in trade and commerce. Occupants to date include international banks and accounting firms, utility companies, the Marseilles Chamber of Commerce, the American Bureau of Shipping, restaurants, business services and the headquarters of Euroméditerranée itself. "We invested because Les Docks presented a very good investment opportunity," says Pierre Lejeune, an executive with George V.

Old is new

Additional opportunities in the area around Les Docks are of two types: new construction and the upgrading of existing buildings. Upgrading projects include a number of buildings constructed two decades ago that hold promise because they offer ample office space - a critical advantage in today's market. One example is "Europrogramme," facing Les Docks, which is in the process of transformation. The owner is a group controlled by Italian financier Carlo de Benedetti.

For new construction, permits will be issued in 1999. The permits are needed, says Mr. Wattinne, because there is barely a year's worth of existing stock to satisfy the demand for commercial space.

Euroméditerranée is discussing investment projects for hotels, apartments and office space, with a view to creating an inner city where professionals will want not only to work but also to live. Development projects include schools, parks, cultural centers, sports facilities, public spaces and improved traffic flow, parking and lighting.

La Joliette's 25 hectares encompass 270,000 square meters of gross space, to be divided as office space (145,000 square meters), new and renovated residential space (80,000), hotels and commercial space (20,000) and public facilities (25,000).

The success of Les Docks is well under way, says Dominique Becker, general manager of Euroméditeranée. The main works in progress are in "la Place de La Joliette," a one-hectare public area that includes subway stations and restaurants and that will provide space for the first 60,000 square meters of new construction.

Euroméditerranée's role is to revitalize the area in which this

Place Jules Guesde will host a 90,000-square-meter (968,752 square-feet) mixed development of residential property and services such as shops, hotels and restaurants. The university will add faculties of international trade, business and law.

a high priority. A program of new construction and renovation has been set in motion to attract residents back to the heart of the city. It includes 500 apartments, four student residences, the addition to the university, and new sports and cultural facilities.

and the creation of theme streets should attract a new and dynamic clientele. The "rue de la mode" (fashion street) already draws clothes-conscious shoppers to its boutiques showcasing the area's most promising young clothes designers. The street now under development is "rue des métiers de bouche" (street of food artisans), featuring locally produced delicacies ranging from olives to chocolates.

ancient role as a European crossroads.

50 and 100 trains between 6 P.M. and 8 P.M.

fication over time.

will ease street-level congestion.

A pedestrian area will extend from the train station to the new university complex. The bus terminal will be completely integrated, so passengers can move directly from train to bus. A new building will house a collective transportation mall, with ticketing, waiting areas and information booths. C.F.

World FORUM AT THE SEASIDE

Giving international visitors and travelers a civic meeting place is a high national priority.

he 5 hectares (12 acres) of the Saint-Jean section of Marseilles run along the harbor, bridging sea and center city.

The location enjoys views of the historic harbor and the Mediterranean. y Euroméditerranée is investing 70 mil-lion francs (\$11:63 million) to create a new cruise-ship terminal that will help the city capture a larger share of the growing cruise market in the Mediterranean.

Two large hangars, remnants of the old industrial port, have already been demolished and the competition to design the new terminal is under way.

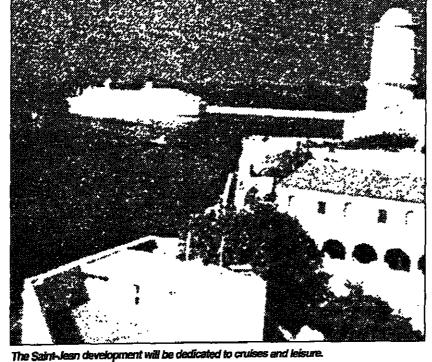
Proposals invited At the same time, Euroméditerranée is inviting proposals for a maritime park

that 1 million visitors are expected to enjoy each year. Inspired by successful projects like Baltimore's Inner Harbor, the Belem section of Lisbon and Tempozan in Osaka, the organization is currently evaluating proposals that will take ad-

that will be housed in historic Fort Saint-Jean.

Winning combination The theme being encouraged combines the romance of the sea, the Great Explorers and the merchant fleets. Eur-Oméditerranée is spearheading a total of 70,000 square meters (753,474 square activities. feet) of new construction in three clusters: le Boulevard du Littoral, la Place de la Mer and the Bassin et la

Place Saint-Jean. The Boulevard of the Littoral will take traffic underground while redeveloping Avenue Vaudoyer. Plans for this



roads between city and sea, dominated by the Esplanade de la Major.

To the lighthouse

The Bassin et la Place Saint-Jean is a 1vantage of the site's natural and historical attractions, including a museum Frioul and Chateau d'If (the latter fa- cilities and auxiliary services. mous for its connection with "The Count of Monte Christo"). Boat shows Tempting excursions and events connected with the nearby pier (Môle Major) will also take place here. This site's position facing the city's lighthouse and the 13th-century Fort Saint-Jean makes it ideal for such

Hand in hand

Structural redevelopment will go hand in hand with artistic and cultural ini-

"Saint-Jean's future architecture will be a waterfront landmark symbolizing while in port. project are already at an advanced stage. the role of France in the Mediterranean

The Place de la Mer involves the res- basin." says Renaud Muselier. Mr. toration of 15 hectares as a public cross- Muselier is president of Euroméditeranée, a member of parliament and deputy-mayor of Marseilles.

Visitors will in turn serve as a draw for more business travel --- conventions, meetings and incentive trips. hectare bridge between the Old Port and Business travel development is a prithe new terminal for ferries and cruise ority for the city of Marseilles and the ships. It will be the departure point for organization Marseilles Congrès, which excursion boats to the nearby islands of is investing heavily in convention fa-

Even without a portside attraction, tourism from cruise ships and ferry passengers has already increased dramatically in Marseilles. Between 1995 and 1997, the number of stops by such vessels rose from 44 to 117, and the number of passengers from 26,000 to

Marseilles stands to benefit even more when its new cruise-ship terminal is completed: two-thirds of all cruiseship visitors buy some sort of excursion

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World Roundup



Dave Richardson of South Africa trying to stump Australian batsman Steve Waugh.

Waugh Earns Draw

CRICKET Mark Waugh scored 115 not out Tuesday to earn Australia a draw in the third test against South Africa and a I-0 victory in the three-match series.

Waugh batted for 404 minutes as Australia, which needed to score 361 to win reached 227 runs for seven wickets at the close.

However, Hansie Cronje, the South African captain, complained that Waugh should have been given out. Waugh was felled by a bouncer from Shaun Pollock, a South African fast bowler, with eight overs to play. Waugh staggered and hit his wicket with his bat. The umpires decided that Waugh had completed

his shot and gave him not out. If someone gets hit on the head and is bit wobbly and walks on the stumps he is out." Cronje said.

South Africa dropped 10 catches in the match. Waugh was dropped three times. (AP)

Benes Heads for Arizona

BASEBALL Andy Benes, whose \$30 million, five-year deal with the St. Louis Cardinals was voided by management's Player Relations Committee because it was agreed an hour after the Dec. 7 deadline, has reached a deal with the Arizona Diamondbacks. The expansion team will pay the pitcher about \$18 million over three years.

 Bob Watson, the first black general manager to win the World Series, was planning to resign from the New York Yankees on Tuesday, The Associated Press and The New York Times reported. Both said Watson had grown weary of dealing with George Steinbrenner, the team owner. His assistant, Brian Cashman, 30, second-youngest general manager in baseball history.(AP, NYT)

A Novel Twist for Vikings

FOOTBALL The novelist Tom Clancy will be the new majority owner of the Minnesota Vikings, James Jundt, one of the current coowners, said Tuesday. The purchase price will be about \$200 million, he said.

Clancy's bid involves other investors. He would not identify them, but confirmed he was the majority investor and would own at least 30 percent of the team. Clancy is also a minority owner of baseball's Baltimore Orioles.

Real Madrid Pays Penalty

SOCCER Real Madrid threw away the chance to go to the top of the Spanish First Division when it lost at home to Valencia, 2-1, on Monday night. The match hinged on three pen-

alty kicks. Gaizka Mendieta gave Valencia the lead with a fourthminute penalty. Eight minutes later, Pedrag Mijatovic of Real missed a penalty. Ilie scored Valencia's second goal from open play in the 17th minute. Davor Suker replaced Mijatovic and scored Real's goal with a penalty.

• Celtic beat Aberdeen, 3-1, on Monday night to pull level with Rangers and Hearts at the top of the Scottish Premier Division. All three have 48 points from 23 (Reuters)



Celtic's Morten Wieghorst celebrating a goal against Aberdeen.

In Nagano, Even the Ink Is Watched

Security Net for Games Is Meant to 'Stop an Ant'

By Kevin Sullivan

NAGANO, Japan - Out in the frigid field house, behind the kerosene heater and a crate of dirty old baseballs, coach Akinori Yamadera keeps his three pitching machines chained to steel

with the Olympics starting on Sat-urday, the Nagano police have asked local high schools to keep their base-ball-tossing machines under lock and key so terrorists can't steal them and use them as weapons.

"These machines can throw a ball at 150 kilometers an hour, so you could kill somebody," Yamadera said, as the boys of the Nagano Commercial High School baseball team began their warm-ups on a snowy afternoon. "It's a one-in-a-mil-lion chance, but if anything happened it would be a disaster. If this machine were used in an act of terrorism it would be

very embarrassing for Japan. '
That risk was highlighted Monday by a series of explosions at Tokyo's Narita airport, where foreign athletes, officials, fans and media have been arriving for the Games. Nagano officials said Tuesday that the explosions were not related to the Games. Officials also said they were stepping up security following the airport attack.

One person was injured Monday when two or three small bombs exploded in a cargo area at the airport. The police suspect that radicals opposed to expansion of the airport may have been behind the attack.

With those explosions and the bomb-ing at the 1996 Summer Games in Atlanta still fresh in their minds, the organizers of the Nagano Olympics have spared no effort, as one police officer said, to "create a security net that even an ant couldn't crawl through."

Locking up pitching machines may seem excessive, especially in a small mountain city where crime is virtually nonexistent. But since the terrorist attack at the Munich Games in 1972 that left 11 Israeli athletes and officials dead, and the Atlanta bombing that resulted in one death and injured 100, organizers here recognize that the Olympics pose a tempting target for extremist groups and violent attention-seekers.

So the Japanese hosts, planning down to the tiniest detail, are even asking merchants to record the names of anyone who buys large amounts of ink that could be used to deface Olympic sites or

"The Olympics is like a dream come true for us," Yamadera said. "As the Japanese proverb says, 'If you prepare

fully, you will have no regrets. Security officials are especially concerned because of the parade of celebrities that will attend the Nagano Games. Emperor Akihito and other members of the imperial family will be joined by many European royals, including Prince Albert of Monaco and Princess Anne of Britain. Tipper Gore is scheduled to visit Nagano in the days leading up to the Feb. 22 closing ceremony.

Olympic organizers have asked travel agencies to turn over all the names of people who have purchased tickets for events that members of the imperial family will attend. Presumably, they are combing the list of an estimated 150,000 names and telephone numbers for crim-

Organizers have not revealed where athletes from individual countries will be staying in the 23-building athletes' housing complex. The location of each delegation is being kept confidential to protect against terrorists with a grudge against any particular country, but as some athletes began arriving, they hung their national flags from their windows. Organizers are fretting, but so far they have refrained from issuing an anti-flag edict. The 3,000 athletes are under constant guard. Metal detectors and security guards are stationed at all entrances to the athletes' village and at all

competition venues Officials say 6,000 police officers from all over the country will patrol Nagano during the Olympics, aided by 3,000 more professional and volunteer security guards and fire fighters hired by the organizing committee. Expert skiers from the Japanese military will also be on call to deal with emergencies.

Guns are so uncommon in Japan that the rifles used in the biathlon, an Olympic event combining skiing and shooting, will be kept locked in rooms guarded by a James Bond-like security system. To get in, athletes will have to pass through an optical scanner that reads the unique pattern of their irises.

Private hunting groups have been asked to stay far away from Nagano and its surrounding mountains, and the few owners of registered guns, swords and other licensed arms have received letters from the police asking them to keep the weapons locked up for the next three weeks. Merchants have been asked not to sell fireworks until the Olympic torch has passed on.
Few here believe that anyone is going

to haul a 112 kilogrampitching machine into the Olympic stadium to fire grenades at the emperor, or use national flags to target a sniper attack. But most people

say it is better to be safe than sorry.
"It's like an earthquake: It's always in the back of people's minds, but you don't really think it's going to happen." said Haruo Machida, 43, a local government official.



Japanese soldiers trampling snow Tuesday on the slope for the women's downhill competition in Hakuba.

Engineering Victory at Olympics

High Tech Invades Winter Sports, From Pricey Waxes to Simulators

By Christopher Clarey New York Times Service

Willy Wiltz, the Californian who prepares the downhill skis for the defending Olympic champion Tommy Moe, pulled out his "macro box"

Inside were dozens of small vials, each filled with a different powder. "They kind of look illegal," Wiltz said.

They aren't. The powders are fluoro-carbon "waxes," relatively new and ever-mutating versions of the paraffin waxes that recreational skiers use. Fluorocarbon waxes have been present in elite alpine and Nordic skiing for most of the decade, but in the last four years, there has been proliferation of specialized brands adapted to a variety of snow

The waxes are less adaptable when it comes to price ranges. One of these costs 100 bucks," Wiltz said, holding a vial up to the light and shaking his head.

conditions and temperature ranges.

There is a great deal of head-shaking going on in winter sports. Technological innovation has become as inexorable a presence in the lives of athletes and their entourages as it has for those of us who used to live quite happily without modems and hard drives.

There are postmodern waxes, para-olic skis, bobsled-driving simulators, refrigerated tunnels for cross-country skiing, refrigerated start tracks for luge. wired triggers on biathlon rifles and altitude houses for athletes who hail from low-lying nations. There are clap skates for speed skaters, although those are not quite as new as one might imagine. There are portable weather stations, portable timing systems equipped with lasers, stone-grinders for ski bases and rapidly expanding databases.

Just since the 1994 Olympics in Lillehammer, Norway, there are better goggles, better ski-jumping suits, better boots, better bindings, better poles, better treadmills, better luge booties and better bobsled axles (woops, those are

illegal).
"I think you'd find any coach would echo the idea that the pace of change is getting increasingly difficult to mansaid Tim Derrick, the assistant coach of the U.S. biathlon team.

"It has become incredibly intensive in terms of what it takes to be on top, yet that's our job, so we do the best we can. It really takes an aggressive, creative, problem-solving attitude."

Derrick has to find a way to wax too many skis in too little time without endangering his health (fluorocarbon waxers wear elaborate masks to protect against fumes) and to develop biathletes in a nation where biathlon is about as popular as ski jumping is in Tahiti.

Others face even more daunting problems. Consider the Finnish entrepre-

neurs who wanted cross-country skiers to train in the summer without having to travel to a glacier. Solution: a 1,210-meter (3,990-foot) tunnel at the Vuokatti Ski Training Center in Sotkamo, Finland.

The concrete tunnel does for serious Nordic skiers what the Skidome in Tokyo, with its refrigerated indoor slope and lifts, did for recreational aloine skiers: It makes their sport a year-round option. The tunnel is 8 meters wide and 4 meters high and equipped with snow-making machines and an Internet camera. The brainchild of Vesa-Pekka Sarparanta, a former coach of Finland's

Nordic combined team, it opened in July and attracted 20,000 skiers before closing for the winter.
The Finnish cross-country skiing stars Jari Isometsa and Mika

Myllyla were frequent visitors and are shareholders in the project, which cost about \$3 million. National Nordic teams from Austria, France, Japan, Russia and Switzerland have trained in the tunnel. Technicians like its controlled conditions for testing equipment and waxes.

The average temperature is minus 5 centigrade (23 degrees Fahrenheit), but Leena Penttinen, marketing manager for the training center, said it was adjustable, with minus 18 centigrade (zero Fahrenheit) the coldest setting attempt-

Penttinen said the tunnel had the potial to be fitted with oxyge ulating equipment that could simulate high-altitude conditions. But for the moment, visitors such as the French and Japanese Nordic combined teams seem content simply to sleep in the nearby "altitude house," an 18-bed facility with low oxygen levels that allows them to increase their red-blood-cell count and, hence, their endurance.

IND-TUNNEL testing for ski-ers, lugers, bobsledders and ski jumpers is already de rigueur. So is the use of high-speed video to allow coaches to analyze spins, leaps and turns at 240 frames a second instead of the customary 30 frames.

One of the recent innovations by the U.S. Olympic Committee — and its sports scientists are not eager to discuss all their work — is a training tool to monitor the aiming and trigger-pulling techniques of biathletes.

A small laser mounted underneath the rifle shows athletes exactly where they are pointing their weapon, and the trigger is, in techno-speak, "instrumented, which means it is covered with a plate designed to measure the amount and type of force an athlete applies to it. Coaches can watch and then analyze the data on video or a laptop screen.

"In our sport, trigger control is so important because your heart is beating 160 times a minute," Derrick said. "It all comes down to your finger, and this is an incredibly good tool.'

Similar technology has been used on the push handles on American bobsleds and the start handles on the luge training ramps in Lake Placid, New York. The data help athletes learn to apply pressure at the optimal moment, and in sports such as bobsled and luge where the start is critical, an extra .05 of a second can make a big difference in the finish.

The luge start track, opened in late 1992, is one of three indoor start tracks in the world. The American bobsledders can also train year-round on what is believed to be the world's only bobsled driving simulator, a sophisticated video game developed by Mont Hubbard, an engineer at the University of California at Davis, that replicates the sounds and sights of different international tracks.

'It's basically the front half of a bob," said Matt Roy, executive director of the U.S. Bobsled Federation. "The sled moves back and forth, rotates to simulate going on and off the curves. and the computer figures out where the driver is and where he's headed and updates the image 30 times a second and analyzes it 100 times a second. It's virtually real time.'

LREADY benefiting on the World Cup circuit from the im-L proved Bo-Dyne sleds developed under the auspices of the Nascar driver Geoff Bodine and the engineer Bob Cuneo, the Americans trained last sumon the Salt Lake City. Calgary, Lillehammer and Albertville tracks all in the comfort of Lake Placid.

But, Roy added: "Unfortunately, the Japanese were very tight with their track-shape data, so we couldn't do Nagano on the simulator. There is a moratorium on sliding in Nagano, and I think the Japanese felt we were somehow circumventing the moratorium."

Training tools are not the only items to evolve with technology. The sports themselves have also been affected. The two most visible changes since Lillehammer are the parabolic ski and the clap skate, which has done to speed skating what fiberglass once did to pole-vaulting.

Parabolic skis, with their deep sidecuts and superior maneuverability in turns, have become standard issue in the alpine event of giant slalom. But because the parabolics, also known as 'shaped'' skis, lack a certain stability at high speeds, downhillers have opted for skis with minimal sidecuts.

"You can't afford to catch an edge too fast when you are going between 65 and 85 miles per hour," said Jan Larsson, the racing-service director for Rossignol, a maker of skis.

Many skiers have also begun elevating themselves with the use of plates on top of their skis to get more turning leverage. Though this was regulated by the sport's governing body, FIS, last season, some skiers have compensated by adding material to the heels of their ski boots. In theory, a skier's foot now can legally be as high as 110 millimeters (4.33 inches) above the snow.

But no innovation has received more attention than the clap skate, which has revolutionized speed skating in the last two seasons and thrown out the old record book in the process. While conventional skate blades were attached to the boot, clap-skate blades are not attached at the heel and increase a skater's ability to push off.

Clap skates, however, are not so new. A German company received a patent for a similar design in the late 19th century. It wasn't until the early 1980s that Dutch scientists developed a modern version, and it was not until the 1996-97 season that skaters for the Dutch national team adjusted their technique and converted. Now, every medal contender in Nagano will be wearing the skates.

But other sports have drawn lines in the snow. At the World Bobsled Championships last year in Switzerland, the three Swiss sleds that swept the medals in the four-man event were all disqualified for using axles that were not of the required one-piece construction and not made of steel. But one suspects that it was only a temporary setback for progress.

"They've been asking me how to conceal a motor in a bobsled," said Tim Conrad, the sports science engineer for the U.S. Olympic Committee who developed the smart biathlon trigger. "For the moment, it's too obvious with the smoke and the noise; but give me time, practice Tuesday in Nagano for the increasingly high-tech winter Games. give me time.

World Cup? The Dream Can End in A Second

By Rob Hughes

ONDON - It takes four years, maybe longer, to number the World Cap dream — and an obscene few seconds to destroy it.

In Madrid on Sunday, Juninho, the effervescent Tom Thumb of Brazil's national squad, was scythed down from behind. Reduced to tears, stretchered to

the operating theater, he simply asked:
"Doctor, and the World Cup?"
Dr. Pedro Guillen might have replied,
Son, forget the World Cup. He actually

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said: "We will have to see how things Then surgery laid bare the severity go. "Then surgery laid bare the severity of the wounds: The fibula in the left leg was fractured, the ankle dislocated, ligaments twisted and torn.
"Doctor, and the World Cup?"

"Things were worse than expected," the surgeon had to admit. The injuries will require four months to heal. The World Cup is barely four months away. Since players must prove that their fitness and form are at a peak, Juninho is realistically lost to the tournament.
So, in all probability, is Ciro Ferrara,

the dependable Italian defender who. also on Sunday, broke both bones, the fibula and tibia, in his left leg. Doctor, and the World Cup?"

'I consider it almost impossible,' said Riccardo Agricola, the Juventus team physician. "Injuries of this sort usually take five to six months for a full recovery to match fitness." The pain, like the injuries, is compound. What a competitive man feels in his bones is one thing, what hurts in the mind and the

In Frankfurt, Matthias Sammer, the most elegant German libero for 30 years; was omitted from the list of 40 players named for World Cup preparation. He has wrestled all season with the doubts that so suddenly hit Juninho and Ferrara. The Borussia Dortmund player's left knee has been invaded by surgery four times. His one strand of encouragement is a pledge from Berti Vogts, the national trainer, that "the door will remain open for Sammer until the last minute.

Sammer refuses to count himself out. He will edge toward that open door, grimace and sweat in the gym, and keepasking the question.

Doctor, and the World Cup?" For Juninho, for Ferrara, the abrupts itself is a pain. One moment they are among the fittest athletes on earth, the next they are cut down. The question of culpability arises.

In Spain, there is a fury of recrimination. Juninho, whose name means Little Boy and alludes to his diminutive size - 5 feet 3, or 1 meter 60 - was kicked from behind, and the culprit, Celta Vigo defender Michel Salgado, got away with it.

With no hope of winning the ball, Salgado brought Juninho down to pre-vent a goal. The tackle was reckless at best, thuggish at worst. It is exactly the foul that soccer's governing body, FIFA, outlaws the crude, cowardly, one would say criminal behavior that ended the career of Marco van Basten and ruined the ankle of Diego Maradona.

Unforgivably, the referee did not issue a card of any color. "It was not my intention to hurt him," insisted Salgado, 'but I suppose I should have got the red card." He supposes correctly. Sadly, Juninho has months to reflect

on why he left his English team, Middlesbrough, last year to play in Spain. It was straightforward. Juninho ached to be Brazil's playmaker, and he knew that to the Brazil coach Mario Zagallo, England was a backwater, Spain a regular viewing ground. He went for exposure and was exposed to serious harm.

Ferrara had no need to leave home. Italy's coach, Cesare Maldini, shared the conviction of everyone that Ferrara, a man of 44 caps, was close to indispensable. At least Ferrara has no one to blame,

nothing to curse but circumstance. As he waited at Lecce airport on Sunday before the flight back to Turin, he was called on a mobile phone by Alessandro Conticchio, the Lecce midfielder, whose tackle caused the injury.
"I said sorry to Ferrara," said Con-

ticchio, "but he cheered me up saying things like this happen in soccer, it was a 50-50 ball and we both had to go for it.'

Ferrara, 31 on Feb. 11, is a pragmatist. An abdominal injury robbed him of a place in Euro 96, a torn thigh muscle ruled him out of Italy's goalless draw against England in World Cap qual-ifying last October. He was missed in both. Now he misses Juventus's race to retain the Serie A title and regain the

Champions Cup.
Juninho, small but normally 100 luick to be caught, is 24. There are World Cups ahead, but that is scant consolation to a player who traveled the globe for his chance. Juninho's most compelling trait is his absolute determination mination to play this game with the openness for which it was designed please God he will not be dulled or. lastingly embittered by the realization that a lesser player was authorized to kick that away from him.

"Doctor, and the World Cup?" Rob Hughes is on the staff of The Times of London.

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World Cup? Ottawa, 1-0; The Dream Can End in Sth Shutout Devils Beat

The Associated Press Martin Brodeur stopped 21 shots for his fifth shutout of the season and 27th of his career as the New Jersey Devils

beat the Ottawa Senators, 1-0. "You play the game and hope to accomplish some achievements,

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Brodeur, who is one of three goaltenders on Canada's Olympic squad. "Shutouts are one of them. It's a lot of fun." Petr Sykora scored the game's only

goal as New Jersey handed Ottawa its eighth shutout of the season. Sykora scored his 11th goal at 7:36 of the first period with the help of Doug Gilmour's assist, his first point in six games.

The victory gave New Jersey sole possession of first place in the Eastern Conference with 70 points. It also marked the end of a six-game road trip and a three-game winless streak for the

Otlers 1, Kings 0 Another of Canada's Olympic goalies also backstopped his team to a 1-0 victory Monday. Curtis Joseph made 30 saves for the 200th victory of his National Hockey League

"I thought he was sensational," Edmonton coach Ron Low said of Joseph.

Dean McAmmond scored the only goal on a second-period power play, and Joseph made it stand up with his fourth shutout of the season.

Joseph was particularly sharp in the second period, stopping Los Angeles's range, then frustrating the visiting Mattias Norstrom from point-blank Kings during a five-minute power in the street 🗸

> ers 4, Penguins 2 Paul Kruse scored twice as New York won at Pittsburgh and ended the Penguins' seven-



Ottawa's Alexei Yashin heading for the ice after a check from Scott Stevens.

game unbeaten streak. Kruse, who went two months without a goal earlier this season, now has four in three games. He started and finished a three-goal second period against Penguins' goalie Tom Barrasso, who was named the NHL

player of the week earlier Monday. Sabres 7. Lightning 3 Donald Audente had two goals and an assist as Buffalo won at Tampa Bay and extended the Lightning's franchise-record losing streak to 13.

The Sabres scored three goals in the first period for the first time this season, and the seven goals were their highest Stars 5, Maple Leafs 1 Mike Modano

scored a goal and added three assists to lead Dallas to victory at Toronto. Dallas entered the game with the league's most efficient power-play, but

it was the Stars' short-handed unit that

proved the difference. Modano and Guy Carbonneau broke open a close game by scoring short-handed goals in the second period for the league-leading Stars. Modano's goal gave him five short-handed goals this season, the most in the NHL.

Avalanche 2, Canucks 1 Sandis Ozolinsh scored twice at Vancouver as the Avalanche continued their domination of the Canucks.

Ozolinsh scored on slap shots in the first and third periods as Colorado extended its winning streak over Vancouver to 14 games.

Rangers 3, Sharks 2 P.J. Stock scored his first career goal as the visiting Rangers remained unbeaten against San Jose. Mike Eastwood and Kevin Stevens each had a goal and an assist as the Rangers snapped a five-game win-

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Golfer Opens Cart Battle in Court

By Richard Sandomir New York Times Service

EUGENE, Oregon — The heart of Casey Martin's two-month legal fight to force the PGA Tour to let him use a golf cart is his degenerative physical condition: a rare circulatory disorder in his leg that makes daily activities painful.

As Martin's federal lawsuit against the PGA Tour went to trial Monday, a packed countroom at the U.S. District Courthouse viewed a videotape in which the 25-year-old Martin showed what Klippel-Trenaunay-Weber syndrome looks like.

Martin stripped off two hip-to-foot compression stockings, revealing an atrophied right leg that he said has not seen the sun in 10 years. Martin then stood, and the leg quickly was covered by patches of black and blue as blood

his knee to his ankle, unable to flow back normally to the heart.

The leg, and most prominently, the knee, swelled immediately as Martin stood. But when he lay down, the symptoms gradually reversed.

"There's hemorrhaging," he said, almost affably describing his condition on the videotape to his lawyer, William Wiswall. "There's pain in the calf and shin. Every time I walk, it hurts. At the end of the day, it's throbbing."

As to how much Martin's pain is relieved by riding in a cart, as he did at Stanford University and on the first two Nike Tour events this year, Martin said on the tape: "When I walk, it hurts 24 hours a day. When I ride, I can't say I'm not in pain, but it takes a load off."

Throughout the first day of the trial, which could last through the middle of

that flowed down settled in areas from next week, lawyers for Martin and the PGA Tour argued the central question of the case: Would riding a cart be a reasonable modification to the tour's existing rules, or would such a change fundamentally alter the game?

Martha Walters, Martin's other attomey, played down the no-cart rule as an "incidental, unremarkable" regulation that is not essential to championship-level golf. Martin's condition, she said, precludes him from the kind of conditioning program that other golfers engage in to help minimize fatigue from walking 20 miles or so during a typical tournament. "Mr. Martin is at a dis-

advantage," she said.

Although PGA Tour officials laud Martin's courage, they contend that allowing him to ride in a cart would change the game and lead others to also request carts.

Bulls Thrash Nuggets in Denver Sellout

Chicago rebounded from its worst loss of the season by routing the Nuggets in Denver. Scottle Pippen scored 19 points and Scott Burrell had 24 -- all in the fourth quarter — as Chicago won, 111-72, Monday night to bounce back from a 25-point defeat Sunday against the Lakers in Los Angeles.

"Playing Denver is like playing a high school team," said the Chicago forward Denis Rodman. "They're very close to being the worst NBA team I've seen." The game was Denver's first sellout this season as Coloradoans came out to

see Michael Jordan & Co. Unfortunately, there wasn't much to watch after the pregame warm-ups. "It was neat to see the place filled up." said Bill Hanzlik, the Denver

coach, "but it was a Bulls crowd." Phil Jackson, the Chicago coach, said: "I thought the national anthem was the highlight out there. It's too

bad that basketball has really lost its competitive edge here. We tried to keep it close as long as we could." The 39-point loss was the worst home

defeat for the Nuggets since they joined

scored 15 points, and Rodman had 16 rebounds as the Bulls held a 55-33 advantage on the boards.

"It was a decent game until the last few minutes of the first half," Hanzlik said. "The fourth quarter was an absolute

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joke." Playing mostly reserves, Chicago outscored Denver 38-16 in the final period. Burrell was almost apologetic about his binge: "I was trying to make assists, but my teammates kept kicking it back out to me. I felt bad, but they were passing to me, so I had to shoot.

Wizards 113, Pistons 101 On the day Detroit fired the coach, Doug Collins, its defense also disappeared. The Pistons gave up their most points in a game this season as they lost in Washington.

Chris Webber scored 23 points and the point guard Rod Strickland had 26 points and 10 assists for the Wizards. Jerry Stackhouse, who came in from

the bench, led Detroit with 22 points. Heat 90, Hawks 83 Alonzo Mourning

the NBA in 1976, and their worst loss had 22 points and a season-high 17 this season. Jordan and Ron Harper each rebounds for Miami.

The Heat forward P. J. Brown sat out his one-game suspension for leaving the bench during a scuffle in Miami's loss to the Knicks on Sunday. On Monday night, Voshon Lenard knocked the Atlanta center, Dikembe Mutombo, out of the game with a flagrant foul while Mutombo was attempting a dunk late in the fourth, Mutombo, who had 14 points and 15 rebounds, sustained a bruised tailbone and is day-to-day.

Cavaliers 109, Timberwolves 99 In Cleveland, Cedric Henderson scored 24 points, a high for the Cavalier rookie. and Zydrunas Ilgauskas, also in his first NBA season, scored 19 for the Cavs.

Mavericks 104, Grizzlies 90 Michael Finley scored 30 points as Dallas beat visiting Vancouver for the third time this season.

Suns 106, 76ers 97 Rex Chapman scored 29 points as Phoenix won its third straight road game. Antonio Mc-Dyess had 22 points and 13 rebounds for the Suns. Allen Iverson had 30 points and seven assists for the 76ers, who have lost six in a row.

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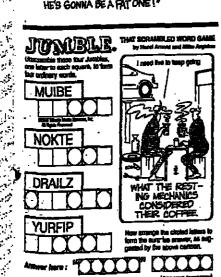
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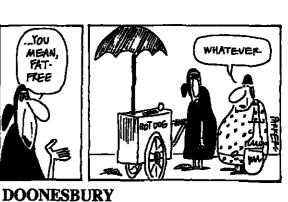






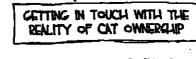


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Media Meltdown

By Russell Baker

NEW YORK — Some fusspot, maybe Baudelaire, once said he was unable to understand how any civilized person could pick up a newspaper without a shudder of disgust. Baudelaire was a 19th-century poet, but these past two weeks he could have been a modern American dullard speaking of what we now call "the media."

Has there ever been a more disgusting media meltdown? The president is alleged to have had illicit sexual relations with a younger woman, and — stop the presses! — it's Armageddon time.

Joke writers for television's midnight vaudeville shows have been wallowing in Joke-Writer Paradise. It doesn't have to be funny, just make it dirty, and see studio audiences roll in the aisles.

Suddenly it's all right to junk all rules of journalism by amplifying rumors floated by faceless well-poisoners identified only as "sources."
Suddenly it's all right to

speculate in clinical language about sexual activities once considered so unorthodox that even the racier newspapers refused to acknowledge their existence. Rumors are reported — only rumors that a "semen-stained" garment is lurking in the wings.

The same media that trumpet this stuff carry worried letters and editorial dithering asking, How can we ever explain these shocking things to our children? These are priceless examples of media struggling to appear high-minded while groping for rock bottom in the depths of hypocrisy.

Those pictures of witnesses and lawyers being overwhelmed by media hordes, for instance — they

must have made people all over the country recoil in horror at the thought of what could happen to them if, by some monstrous stroke of bad luck, they were ever to be involved in a news story.

How dreadful! How hilarious! We are seeing a total media meltdown, and what set it off? The idea of the leader of a Puritan nation in tireless. reckless pursuit of sex.

The ultimate joke, however, may be on the media. Whatever the outcome of the scandal, the press and television figure to be big losers in the long run.

The media have long been in bad odor, and in especially bad odor with conservatives. It's a rare day when several of those mad-dog talk-radio shows don't have a clutch of outraged conservatives flailing away at the hateful media.

During the past few days. however, cries equally as fierce have been pouring in from people sympathetic to the president.

The common belief of the

right is that the media are a conspiracy of liberals soft on Democrats. If Democrats now start thinking of the media as part of Hillary Clinton's right-wing plot to destroy a Democratic presidency, where will long-suffering journalists find shelter?

In the conviction that they are fulfilling a constitutional obligation to serve the public, that's where. This they often do, and well. Other times, especially when sex and celebrity murder are their subjects, a shudder of disgust may run through the public, set off by suspicion that it is not being served, but having the creepiest side of its nature

exploited for profit.

30 Years of Making 'Avant Pop' Music

By Mike Zwerin ional Herold Tribuni

DARIS - Lester Bowie is a I blue-collar trumpet player. A working-class musician. He gets paid for making music. Period. No frills, fanfares or tangents. He earnestly believes in this image and he hopes people see him that way.

That's not to say it hasn't been creative work. On the contrary. For some 30 years now, he's founded intelligent, groundbreaking bands—the Art Ensemble of Chicago for one; and, more recently, Lester Bowie's Brass Fantasy, which will release a new album titled "The Fire

This Time" (WEA) this month. His trademark stage costume is a white smock, a sort of lab coat like researchers and butchers wear. He continues to work hard to keep in good physical shape and the guys in his bands just never seem to stop blowing their horns on stage. Never has he received a foun-

dation grant or a subsidy. Not once. Of course, he's never applied either. Applying for grants in the arts is a full-time job and involves a vocabulary all its own. It's another mind-set which, frankly, he does not want to learn. It's quicksand. In the world of subsidies, state or private, talking about your work time.
and who you talk to about it is more In important than the work itself. If he cannot just walk on stage or into a studio and make music, he would prefer to do something totally dif-

ferent. Something like hunting. He grew up with hunting in St. Louis. In those days, you could find what Bowie calls "deep country" a mere 50 miles outside of town: "I have great memories of hunting with my father. We'd eat what we killed; there's something about the taste of the kill. I'm an opponent of sport hunting. But for a few dollars worth of shotgun shells we had meat for weeks."

As a teenager in the 1950s, he went from a cap gun to a BB gun to a shotgun. He liked "to play John Wayne" and he admits now (he's 57) that he did some "evil things"

as a child. He and his brother would go out and kill birds, for example. After awhile, killing birds began to make him physically ill, and by now he's become so ashamed of it that he "won't even step on a

with his glasses, gray-speckled beard and shortly cropped hair be resembles a distinguished professor of African-American studies more than a superstar of free jazz. Free jazz was, or is, improvisation without rules. It remains part of his

He has matured since he made his reputation as the guiding light behind the definitive free jazz group the Art Ensemble of Chicago. He describes a free jazz mu-sician, with an ironic smile, as 'somebody you will never understand, and you certainly won't like

For the past few years, he has been spending most of his energy leading Brass Fantasy, playing what he calls "avant pop. Fantasy is an extension of the traditional brass band. His father, now 92, was a high school band director, as was his father before him. Young Lester used to watch football games primarily to check out the marching bands during half-

In one recent Puerto Rican Day parade in New York, Bowie marched with his daughter in her junior high school band from 44th Street way up into the 90s. He hadn't had so much fun in years. Marching bands require continual blowing for hours at a time and he loves the way his muscles tingle; it's like working out. Years ago, he marched in American Legion and Salvation Army bands. The brass band is a very American tradition going back to John Philip it's the interpretation. Sousa and passing through Charles Ives and Bowie is proud to be part of it.

son, Marilyn Manson and conventional and ethnic instruing to be able to make a living Madonna songs. "It's not about ments. African ceremonial designs playing their own honest music or what I play," he says. "It's the way are painted on their faces. They



Lester Bowie, no grants, no subsidies, just a working musician.

Interpretations by the Art En-

that I play it. It's not the repertoire, wear colorful robes and outlandish

When the Ensemble moved here semble of Chicago feature the visu- in 1969, Paris became its "second al as much as the musical. There is home." It was a "make it or die Instead of George Gershwin, a strong African presence. The sort of situation. A "now or never" Brass Fantasy plays Michael Jack-stage is full-up with all sorts of commitment. Either they were go commitment. Either they were going to be able to make a living

worked out Bowie never had to back up another soul singer, and there were no more Holiday Inn lounges or factory floors for any-

Bowie has raised six kids and sent "a bunch of them" through college (there are eight grandchil-dren): "I have homes and cars My concerts are full. Always, always full. People hire me to come back because they've learned by now that they can make some money

He's played sports arenas in Spain, the Olympic Stadium in Rome, Queen Elizabeth Hall in London, and 7,000 people came to hear Brass Fantasy at La Villette in

We're playing for an informed andience," he says. "People know about the blues, reggae and World Music by now. They know about brass bands. Everybody's pretty much aware of this cross-cultural thing. I've never been able to understand the way record companies underestimate the intelligence of the listeners.

'People are catching They've got videos, they've read books, they operate computers. The wheels in their heads are working. They've learned how to enjoy more than one thing. They say can be a rock fan, I can appreciate Oscar Peterson, I like Pavarotti. And I want to buy Lester's record

Not one of the successful musicians he's grown up with and played with over the years, no matter how many successful concerts they've given, not one of them has been able to earn the freedom to create music to the limit of their talent. There's a lack of what he calls "dealing bread," money to invest in themselves like successful Hollywood actors invest in their own productions:

People know that music needs personality. I'm here. I got personality. I only hope that one day I'll get the opportunity to show people what I can do. I mean really do."

MOVIES

A Grand Old Man of the Cinema at 22

By Justine Elias

NEW YORK — Twenty-four hours after a television interviewer introduced the 22-year-old writer and director Jake Kasdan as Hollywood's latest Wunderkind, he was being treated like some grand old man of cinema.

Three screenplays, accompanied by earnest pleas for help and advice, arrived at his hotel in Toronto, where he had traveled to promote "Zero Effect," his first film. The offbeat mystery, which opened on Friday in the United States, stars Bill Pullman as Daryl Zero, a brilliant, reclusive and neurasthenic private investigator who is at once terribly aware and afraid of the world around him.

While he can solve the most baffling cases, he is totally stymied by life's little intrusions — like those unsolicited manila envelopes at Kasdan's hotel. Those would drive a man like Zero to distraction. or farther into hiding.

Such is not the case with Kasdan. He is the son of Lawrence Kasdan, the writer and director of memorable films like "The Big Chill" and "Body Heat," and Meg Kasdan, who was a co-writer of one of her husband's other films, "Grand Canyon" (1991). whose screenplay was nominated for an Academy Award.

Like a true child of Hollywood, Jake Kasdan is aware of the unpleasant legal ramifications of reading unsolicited material. It simply isn't done. "From total strangers!" said Kasdan, on a recent visit to New York. "I don't know what to do. I sort of put them in my suitcase and keep them sealed until I figure out the legally appropriate way to deal with this. I'm curious, though, I can just see myself calling all these people. Sud-denly I've got all these calls to make!"

Kasdan speaks with authority on the vagaries of a moviemaker's life. His sophistication with business stands out in contrast with that of young directors who finance their films on their Visa cards, use scraps of film stock and enlist amateur actors who work free of charge. Kasdan grew up in Los Angeles and on

his father's film sets, where the unofficial Kasdan repertory company included Kevin Costner, Kevin Kline and Kathleen Turner. But he is anxious to say that it was his screenplay and not his surname that won him his first movie deal.

Rather than endure the surefire rejection of blindly submitting unsolicited material to film studios, Kasdan showed his earliest screenplays to a handful of agents until he found one who would represent him. "It makes perfect sense to me that people want to know about my family, 'he said genially. 'I am really young to be a movie director. I've been around movie sets my whole life. To me, that part of the story seems like a side note. I wasn't such an irresistible property as a filmmaker prior to this. Really, all that happened was I wrote this script and found all these people to make it - actors, producers, a studio. They liked the script."

Some of those supporters were, in fact, encountered early on. Jake Kasdan was only 13 years old in 1988 when he met unfolds in a deceptively offhand, meandering fashion. When he started writ-



Jake Kasdan has just made "Zero Effect," his first film.

Pullman, on the set of "The Accidental Tourist," which was directed by Lawrence Kasdan. Pullman remembers the young Kasdan as "particularly poised — probably even more than I was."

Kasdan says he knew a long time ago that he wanted to make movies. "I knew the way other kids know they want to be a cop or a fireman." he said.

As a high school student in Los Angeles, he began writing plays. And with his friends, and then later with professional actors, he would surprise his parents by staging his productions in and around his hometown. "We were in shock, actually," said Lawrence Kasdan. "He had no money, but they managed, barely, to cover their expenses. He had gotten into technical theater - lighting and sound - when he was about 15, and I thought, that's interesting. I didn't expect that. About a year later he started writing these plays that were extraordinarily good. He waited for nothing.

Kasdan spent a few semesters at Hampshire College in Amherst, Massachusetts, and the University of California at Santa Cruz, but he was more interested in working than in studying. Lawrence Kasdan had hired his son to work as a production assistant during the editing of "Grand Canyon." He later asked his son to write the "making of" book for "Wyatt Earp," the 1994 film that featured Pullman in the small role of Ed Masterson. "By that time," said Pullman, "Jake had clearly begun to think of himself as a writer, writing plays, evolving a way of working with

actors by using the theater."

The young Kasdan will be pleased, he said, if "Zero Effect" shows no signs of having been written and directed by a 22-year-old. "I had been asked to work on movies that were described as a Generation X Big Chill, with sort of a darkness to it, with a little bit of a 'Pulp Fiction' twist," Kasdan said, laughing. No, thank you."

For "Zero Effect," Kasdan and his cinematographer, Bill Pope, favored an unobrusive visual style, and the plot

ing the film, Kasdan said, his goal was to create a mystery story that didn't strictly fit into hot-blooded neo-noir As "Zero Effect" begins,

Daryl Zero is a detective who solves his cases without leaving his cluttered, claustrophobic Los Angeles apartment, preferring to deal with his clients via a trusted gocautiously agrees to venture tencing was set for Feb. 25. outdoors, all the way to the Pacific Northwest

This seemingly simple case involving blackmail doesn't proceed as planned. Zero, who says he has 'mastered the fine art of detachment," finds himself drawn to a young paramedic (Kim Dickens) who seems to be connected to this intrigue.

"To me," Kasdan said of the film, "it's only half a mystery story. It is a hybrid; it's as much a love story as it is anything.' Mystery or love story,

"what's extraordinary about this movie is that it hasn't been through the studio mill," said Kasdan. "I'm lucky not to be a victim of that," he added. "It's a pretty clean interpretation of what I originally wrote. I know a lot of screenwriters, and I go completely nutty on the subject of what screenwriters go through. But you don't want to wave your Uzi with ridiculous rage when the studio doesn't deserve it.

Justine Elias, a staff writer for Us magazine, wrote this for The New York

TWO celebrity photographers who pursued the actor Arnold Schwarzenegger and his wife, the television personality Maria Shriver, through streets in Los Angeles were convicted of misdemeanor false imprisonment charges by a judge who branded the paparazzi's actions "outrageous." The photographers — Andrew O'Brien and Giles Harrison — were accused of boxing in the couple's car in an effort to deotape them outside their son's Santa Monica preschool. The judge said their interference could have led to "serious consequences" for Schwarzenegger, who only a week before had checked out of a hospital after undergoing open-heart between (Ben Stiller). But surgery. The photographers were each when an Oregon timber ty- convicted of two counts of misdemeanor coon (Ryan O'Neal) calls on false imprisonment, and Harrison was him to find his lost keys, Zero also convicted of reckless driving. Sen-

Catherine Deneuve will be honored for her life's work at the Berlin film festival, which opens Feb. 11, officials announced Tuesday. Thirteen films starring the actress will be shown during the festival, including Roman Polanski's "Repulsion," which won a Silver Bear at the 1965 festival. The actor Ben Kingsley will chair the jury and announce the award winners on Feb. 22.

Postage stamps commemorating the life of Diana, Princess of Wales, went on sale around the world Tuesday. Britain's Post Office has produced 170 million examples of the five 26-pence (41-cent) stamps bearing portraits of the princess. Profits from the sales will go to Diana's memorial fund. Early estimates that 120 million stamps would be required were revised after the huge number of advance orders at post offices in Britain and philatelic agents worldwide. The pictures are taken from photographs by Lord Snowdon, Terence Donovan,

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John Stillwell and Tim Graham.



PEOPLE

ROYAL EVENT — Princess Stephanie cutting into the cake at her 35th birthday celebration at the Sporting Club in Monaco.

ungraded to stable at a New York hospital a day after the actor was found naked and disoriented in a hotel room, a hospital spokesman said Tuesday. The spokesman declined to give details about Baldwin's treatment. Police and emergency medical services technicians were called to the Plaza Hotel on Monday morning and found him in a room with drug paraphernalia and a television loudly playing a pomographic movie, police sources said. Baldwin, who was in the movie "Mulholland Falls" and played a detective on the NBC television series 'Homicide,' is the brother of the actors Alec, Stephen and William Baldwin.

The family of a Long Branch, New Jersey, policeman shot to death in November received a check for \$112,500, courtesy of Jon Bon Jovi, Bruce Springsteen and friends. The rock stars returned to their native New Jersey to perform at a sold-out benefit concert. Some 1,400 fans paid \$125 per ticket. The check was for the family of Sergeant Pat King.

A group of schoolchildren gave Mayor Rudolph Giuliani the wrong answer about honesty as he thanked a New York taxi driver for returning more than \$10,000 in lost cash to a Belgian tourist. Syed Shah, the driver, found \$10,042, a Belgian passport and a leather bag and reported it to the police. The money was returned to an elderly woman tourist.

Now, if you found that money, what returned to an elderly woman tourist. would you do?" Giuliani asked the children, guests for the morning at City Hall. 'Keeeep liiiitt!" they replied in unison. With the audience laughing, the mayor... told the elementary schoolchildren: "No. no, the reason we have Mr. Shah here is to teach you a different answer.'

Promoters of the troubled Reggae Sunsplash festival in Jamaica are invoking the name of Bob Marley in the. hope of boosting sales for the 20-yearold event. Sunsplash organizers have collaborated with the Bob Marley Foundation to base this year's show on the reggae king's birthday. Marley, who died of cancer in 1981, would have been 53 on Feb. 6. The four-day festival officially starts that day in Ocho Rios, on the northern coast. After five sluggish years, the festival was canceled in 1997, when the Jamaica Tourist Board chose to support rival Reggae Sunfest in Montego Bay, and Sunsplash pushed back its 20thanniversary celebration to February.

Former President Jimmy Carter is in a hospital in Atlanta for treatment of an "aggravating and persistent" skin rash. He has had the rash for about six months and it hasn't responded to a variety of outpatient treatments. Doc-

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tors have already determined that it is not indicative of a serious medical condition, a spokesman for the hospital

Who Wants to Be a Millionaire? Everybody in 'High Society'

By Stephen Holden New York Times Service

NEW YORK — "Who wants to be a millionaire?" asks a delightfully cheeky Cole Porter song from the 1956 movie musical "High Society." Of course, the answer to that question is the same today as it

was then: almost everybody.

Retooled and expanded with additional songs from the Porter catalogue, the movie, which updated Philip Barry's play "The Philadelphia Story." has been turned into a Broadway-bound musical that provides the same voyeuristic insider's view of wealth and its discontents.

Is there a bigger cliché nowadays than the rich, fast-living celebrity who checks into a rehab clinic for a career-saving dryout? The 1939
Barry play, "The Philadelphia Story," written four decades before the
Betty Ford Center opened and began to soften our rigid attitudes about sobriety and morality, touches lightly but tellingly on the vices and dalliances of the idle rich in a more innocent and puritanical era.

and an opening date of April 23.

The show, directed by Christopher

Broadway by Joseph Cotton), is a yachtsman and reformed drunk who pines for his ex-wife Tracy Lord (Katharine Hepburn) on the eve of her marriage to a stuffy parvenu and coal-mining magnate. Melissa Errico, best known for

A year after the play opened on Broadway, it was adapted into a classic film, starring Hepburn, with Cary Grant as the suavely wistful and resolutely sober Dexter. Sixteen years after the original

movie, the play was adapted into a film musical, "High Society," with the time and place contemporized by being shifted from Philadelphia to Newport, Rhode Island, during the early days of the Newport Jazz Fes-Now, four decades after the movie

"High Society," the Broadway mu-sical "High Society" is on its way to New York (after playing in San Francisco), with previews beginning at the St. James Theater on March 31

Renshaw, with a book by Arthur Kopit and some new lyrics by Susan Birkenhead, takes the story back to the late-'30s period of the play, while retaining the movie's songs and

adding at least 10 more from the Porter catalogue. The setting is now Oyster Bay, Long Island, the better to accentuate the show's sailing im-

playing Eliza Doolittle in a recent Broadway revival of "My Fair Lady," is stepping into Hepburn's glitteringly elegant shoes. Daniel McDonald, who made his Broadway debut last season opposite Karen Ziemba in "Steel Pier," is Dexter.

Drinking, cheating, social climb-ing, parent-child strife, the ruthlessly invasive paparazzi, scandal-monger-ing and blackmail: These are very contemporary themes you discover when you look into the abyss under the show's champagne and bubbles. But it's all softened by nostalgia and by the heightened sense of propriety that colored American manners during the little blip between the Depression and World War II, when American life seemed to have found

a precarious stability.

"It was a wonderful period, the end of the '30s, when things were on the verge of a big change," Renshaw observed. "It was the beginning of the modern world."



Melissa Errico in "High Society."